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The new Niagara College sign at the main entrance of the Welland campus will give the college "a front door for the first time in 30 years," said Hans van der Slagt, the college's vice-president of administration, in his presentation to the Board of Governors at their Oct. 14 meeting. Master Plan II projects will mean improvements at all three Niagara College campuses, including a new student residence at the Glendale campus, in Niagara-on-the-Lake, (inset).

Photos by John Robbins and Tara Purpura

Master Plan II gets 'approval in principle'

By JOHN ROBBINS
Staff Writer

Niagara College's Board of Governor's voted to "approve in principle" a series of proposed capital infrastructure improvements affecting all three Niagara College campuses, at an estimated cost of $43.9 million.

Called Master Plan II, the list of projects outlined at the board's Oct. 14 meeting includes the following:

- a $7.36 million expansion and renovation at the Maid of the Mist campus, in Niagara Falls
- renovations to the Welland campus at a cost of between $10.57 million and $11.15 million
- "deferred maintenance," projects costing $4.5 million, but awaiting provincial funding
- "equipment – non-computer" costing between $300,000 and $500,000
- a 25-year landscaping plan estimated at $1.5 million to $2.5 million

Also identified as being part of Master Plan II were the joint Niagara College/Niagara Regional Police facility at the Welland campus, $5 million; the new student residence at the Glendale campus, in Niagara-on-the-Lake, $7 million; and the Children's Safety Village, at the Welland campus, $1.22 million.

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International internship program offers students interesting adventures

By NATSUKO TAMURA
Staff Writer

Curiosity about travelling and working overseas can lead to some pretty interesting adventures, as graduates of a new federal government program offered at Niagara College are finding out.

Through the International Youth Internship program, opportunities exist for students to work overseas, either for their co-op placements or as an internship after graduation.

Jennifer Gillam, 24, of Guelph, took her post as the program coordinator here in September. She's a graduate from the college's two-year Horticultural Technician diploma program and the Ecosystem Restoration post-graduate certificate program.

She says the internship program started when Alison Ortwein, the international officer at Niagara's Glendale campus in Niagara-on-the-Lake, noticed students were curious about travelling and working overseas.

Gillam provides orientation and job-search assistance.

"It's really beneficial. I'd recommend it to any program (graduate)" says Gillam, who just finished a six-month internship in Argentina in the summer.

"It's amazing. I'll go back again," she says.

That was her second trip to Argentina. She was committed to return to do restoration projects and to research possible projects for Niagara College students.

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BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Projects' costs could reach $43.9 million

Proposals include doubling capacity at Maid of the Mist Centre in Niagara Falls

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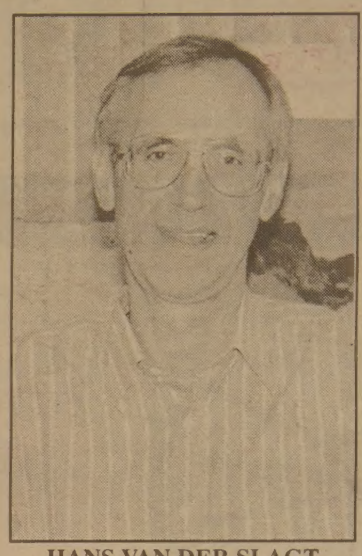
"I hope you would approve this in principle to allow us to move ahead with the next steps," said Hans van der Slagt, vice-president of administration, in his address to the board.

"Approval in principle," van der Slagt explained in a later interview, "gives the administration authority to hire professionals to firm up the college's requirements.

"Each individual project will come back to the board for approval when it reaches its next critical stage," he said.

The Maid of the Mist Centre, in Niagara Falls, which has a capacity of about 500 students and has been at that level for four years, will nearly double that capacity to about 950 full-time spaces after the expansion.

Dan Patterson, president of Niagara College, addressing the board, said, "We have a very good case for being (considered) a 'centre of excellence' in tourism."



HANS VAN DER SLAGT

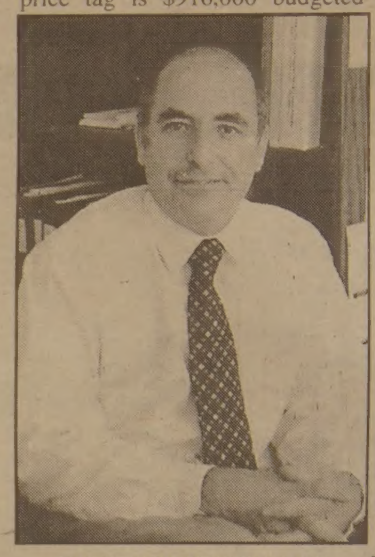
There are "tremendous" industry needs, he said, adding the Maid of the Mist campus "needs the retrofit we are proposing."

Christopher Blake, executive director of the Niagara College Foundation, the college's fund-raising arm, said the list of Master Plan II projects will "require funding from a variety of sources."

"It is likely that a significant portion will require a fund-raising campaign and that the feasibility, target amounts and timing are yet to be confirmed," he added.

During his presentation to the Board of Governors, van der Slagt outlined Master Plan II funding strategy that includes $18 million from the provincial government and a fund-raising campaign of $8.78 million.

Included in the estimated $43.9 million Master Plan II price tag is $916,000 budgeted for fund-raising costs, according to van der Slagt's presentation. Blake said this figure represents about 10 per cent of the fund-raising goal, which in terms of budgeting, he added, is an "accepted principle of fund-raising."



CHRISTOPHER BLAKE

Blake said the college has no plans to hire a professional fund-raiser or organization to lobby government support for Master Plan II funding.

"We (the college) have pretty good access to the government, and I think that's the preferred way to go."

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College seeking SuperBuild funding

By JOHN ROBBINS
Staff Writer

Niagara College will seek provincial funding for some of its proposed Master Plan II projects from the newly created SuperBuild Growth Fund.

Christopher Blake, executive director of the Niagara College Foundation, the college's fund-raising arm, said, "If we are doing some renovations then obviously SuperBuild is part of that."

No other details about the college's request are currently available.

First announced in the 1999 provincial budget, the SuperBuild Growth Fund puts all provincial infrastructure spending under one program — $2.9 billion this year alone. Of this amount, the provincial government plans to spend $742 million this year to "build and modernize" post-secondary institutions in Ontario "in anticipation of an expanded student population," according to a press release from the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities.

"This investment will help us ensure that our colleges and universities continue to have places for all qualified and motivated students graduating from high school now and in the future," said Dianne Cunningham, minister of training, colleges and universities, in the press release.

The deadline for proposals by a single institution is Nov. 15, while the deadline for proposals made by two or more institutions is Dec. 15. Preference will be given to "collaborative projects" involving colleges and universities.

Corrections

Good journalism exists on the pillars of accuracy, honesty and fairness. Errors hurt not only the credibility of all reporters, but the newspaper involved in publishing mistakes.

In the past two issues of the *Niagara News* (Vol. 30, No. 1 and Vol. 30, No. 2), incorrect information was given involving stories about enrolment at Niagara College.

In both articles, the phrase "all-time high" was used to describe college enrolment.

The phrase should not have been used.

At no time did Al Vaughan, the college's registrar, use the phrase in speaking with our reporter.

We apologize for using the phrase in both articles, including one headline, and regret the error.

More careful reporting and editing were needed.

As of Sept. 20, college full-time enrolment was 4,921, down 1.2 per cent from September 1998.

Meanwhile, a name was spelled wrong (Vol. 30, No. 2) on Page 6.

Jay Milot's name was misspelled throughout the story dealing with his studies in the Art and Design Fundamentals — Graphic Design Production program.

The Niagara News regrets the error.

Also, in the Vol. 30, No. 1 edition, a wrong number was published for the Ontario Student Assistance Program office at the Welland campus. The correct telephone number is 735-2211, ext. 7618.

It is the policy of this newspaper to correct errors of fact.

EMPLOYMENT

Wal-Mart needs people, looking at Niagara College grads

Program develops customer service skills

By SAM BAYLY
Staff Writer

Only visionary thinkers and motivated leaders need apply.

Wal-Mart Canada Inc. presented a career information session to Niagara College students at the Glendale campus in Niagara-on-the-Lake on Oct. 15.

David Sanders, 40, of Oakville, hosted the presentation. Sanders is the manager of recruitment and development for Wal-Mart.

The information session, in its second year, informs students about Wal-Mart's Management Intern and Operations Manager Trainee programs.

Students can apply for the programs in their last year of college.

Since his first visit in February, Wal-Mart has added 11 more stores and 270,000 associates, says Sanders. "We need people."

Although the seminar is presented across Canada, Walt-Mart's representatives don't attend all educational institutions because the values he identifies at some institutions don't match the firm's, Sanders says.

"Niagara College wins the gold medal for customer service," he says.

Guest presenter Johnathon Gelleta, 23, of Cobourg, Ont., is a Niagara College alumnus. He graduated last April with a diploma from the Business — Retail Management program and is an assistant store manager in Ajax, Ont.

If you like being part of a team, have a good work ethic and would like to make a difference, Sanders says, "Wal-Mart can, and will, make it happen."

David Sanders, manager of recruitment and development for Wal-Mart Canada, leads a seminar at the Glendale campus in Niagara-on-the-Lake.

Photo by Sam Bayly

Gellata has the potential to earn a six-figure salary, says Sanders.

Sanders talked to students about the steps they should take to launch their careers. The steps included researching potential employers, developing cover letters and résumés, and combining all of these into a personal package.

A college diploma isn't enough, says Sanders. "That's not going to get you in the front door. You need more than that."

A positive attitude, goals, extra-curricular activities and any additional skills you have are important as well, he says.

Students wanting to apply for either program offered by Wal-Mart should take their résumé to Employment Services at the Glendale campus, W107, before Nov. 12. Successful candidates will be notified by Dec. 1, and interviews will begin in January.

Unemployed — hit the Job Gym

By PAUL MOONEY
Staff Writer

Anyone looking for part-time work need look no further.

Students interested in making some money can turn to the employees at the Job Gym on Niagara Street in Welland and Human Resources Development Canada Employment Centre for Students in Welland.

Dan Pilon and Joe Brudau are employment counsellors there.

> ***'We don't want people to get the impression that we only find jobs for students.'***
> ***— Joe Brudau***

Brudau, 27, of Welland, assists students and unemployed adults.

"We don't want people to get the impression that we only find jobs for students," he said, adding the Job Gym has all the resources for "anyone interested in finding work to do so successfully.

Pilon, 23, primarily counsels students.

"Our centre assists students in finding work, and I don't mean just in finding summer jobs, but part-time work for during the school year as well."

Pilon gave these tips for students interested in finding work:

• Know yourself.

"Often students don't take the opportunity to figure out what kind of work they want. Instead, they go for the first available positions and don't end up liking their job," he said.

• Improve your résumé.

"If you haven't updated your résumé, do so. Any work experience you have is an asset."

• Learn interview skills.

"Many students don't know how to do a proper interview. Research how to do a successful interview before you attend one."

• Use the Internet.

"Only a small percentage of jobs are advertised in the newspaper or on job boards, but there are thousands advertised on the student job Web," he added.

• Word of mouth.

"Make yourself available through friends who are working. Ask them if their employers are hiring. Let people know you're looking for work."

Brudau said students should also utilize federal and provincial government programs.

"They're there for a reason, and students should take advantage of the available assets."

Both centres will be holding activities and seminars during Career Week, starting Nov. 7.

The Job Gym is at 440 Niagara St., while the student centre is at 5853 Peer St., in Welland.

Intern program valuable experience, says college student

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The expenses were covered by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), a non-profit organization.

She says $1,000 was provided per month to cover rent, food and other expenses.

She worked for an environmental project organization in the city of Rosario, in the province of Santa Fe in Argentina. The organization has 35 members from a variety of backgrounds, such as professors from the University of Rosario, veterinarians and engineers.

"Ecosystem restoration is a very new concept in Argentina," says Gillam, adding, not many courses in ecology are available.

She says the organization would like to continue having students from Canada work with them.

Gillam says she sent two Niagara College students to Argentina in June.

Andrew Mack, 23, and Mandy Kalitsis, 25, both from the Ecosystem Restoration program, are working for the organization until December.

Compared with Argentina, she says, Canada's a "very rich country" and "we have what we need, so we can focus on the environment and other issues." However, many problems remain to be solved in Argentina, in the social, racial and cultural areas, she says, adding, "The environment is not their main focus right now, but they want and deserve a healthy environment."

Asked about her experience in Argentina, she says it's a "beautiful, and very dynamic" country, and people are "very, very friendly."

Gillam left for Argentina two years ago for the first time to do her co-op for 3 1/2 months. She says it happened spontaneously, adding she had no background in Spanish at that time. "I just decided do it."

Gillam says she consulted with John Middleton, the director of the Environmental Policy Institute at Brock University, in St. Catharines, to find out how she could travel and work in Argentina. Because she didn't know about supporting organizations such as CIDA, she says she raised funds through donations from the college and community.

Once she arrived there, she says things worked fine, especially after some help from the professors who tutored her in Spanish. She's currently taking Spanish through the college's continuing education division.

In her spare time, she says she enjoyed camping, canoeing and bird-watching on the island in the middle of the nearby river where she could see tropical plants and different kinds of animals.

Gillam says she wants to go back to Argentina at the end of next year to continue her work.

"Things are going smoothly. I feel pretty lucky," she says, looking back at her past few years. "I'd like to learn more about the international environmental area, and exchange skills, and knowledge about other countries. I feel communication skills are very important."

The internship can be arranged from six months up to 18 months.

Gillam says she's hoping to locate internships for graduates in other countries, such as India, Egypt, Ecuador, places in the Caribbean, as well as Argentina.

From the experience, she says, "You'll build up self-confidence afterwards." It will "impress" potential employers in Canada or abroad that you have hands-on experience in your field, she adds.

If interested in this program, contact Gillam at ext. 7730.

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WEEK OF THE CHILD

Week of fun kicks off at Pen Centre

By JAMIE WHITE
Staff Writer

The world, from a child's viewpoint, is fun.

This week the community became more aware of that fact as The Week of the Child, which officially started Oct. 18 at the Pen Centre in St. Catharines at 10 a.m.

Scott Cronkwright, co-ordinator of community programs at the YMCA in St. Catharines, was master of ceremonies for an audience in the Sears court at the Penn Centre.

Senior and junior classes of The Wendy Leard School of Dance performed two numbers. Children from St. Thomas Day Care Centre and the YMCA Day Care, both in St. Catharines, sang It's a Small World.

Also present at the kickoff was Debbie Bent, president of the Association of Early Childhood Educators, Ontario Niagara Branch, who welcomed everyone to the event; Theresa Bernais, chair for the Week of the Child events; and Debbie Zimmerman, Regional Niagara chair.

"I thought the kick-off was very well organized and very professional," says Pat Eversden, manager of Niagara College's Child Care Centre. "It was a good place to have it, in the Sears court, in terms of community awareness."

The toddler groups had pony rides compliments of a Niagara College Child Care Centre Student on Monday. Eversden says the children enjoyed the rides.

The week continued with an open house at the Child Care Centre and a performance by the Smudge Fundaes at Welland's Centennial Secondary School on Tuesday evening.

"It was positive. I was pleased with the people who did come and participate."

Children from the Child Care Centre paraded across the college's Welland campus Wednesday. Leading the way was Trevor Welcott, an employee of Aramark, who played the trumpet. Elmo, a children's favourite, was played by Raleigh Epp, a student in the Early Childhood Education program on placement at the Child Care Centre.

Two college students, known as Amanda and Shauntal, heard about the parade and came dressed as clowns.

Lighthouse Photography took individual and group photos of the children at the centre on Thursday. A trip to Winnicki's Pumpkin Patch for the preschool and kindergarten groups on Friday was cancelled because of the bad weather, but was rescheduled for Oct. 28. The children will be able to have a hayride through the pumpkin patch and be able to choose their own pumpkins to take home. There will also be a corn maze and haunted house.

Appreciation awards were given to many sponsors for the week, including The Pen Centre,The Wendy Leard School of Dance and the Early Childhood Community Development Centre.

Children from St. Thomas Day Care Centre and the YMCA Day Care Centre, both from St. Catharines, sang 'It's a Small World' at the kickoff ceremonies for the Week of the Child at the Pen Centre in St. Catharines on Oct. 18.

Photo by Jamie White

Innovative trio sings, dances, plays with children

By CASSANDRA SIMONS
Staff Writer

Smudge Fundaes sang, danced and played with children during the Week of the Child at Welland Centennial Secondary School, on Oct. 19.

The youngsters in the audience reflected their fascination with this innovative trio of two women and one man — Sandra, Suzanne and Jim.

At first the children sat quietly, but after two songs most were singing, clapping their hands or participating by doing whatever the lyrics in the songs told them to do.

About 200 people, including parents and young children, attended the show.

The Smudge Fundaes's outfits were bright and colourful. Sandra Thomson, one of the members of the group, said they made the wardrobe.

The costumes consisted of bright yellow T-shirts and black vests with yellow, red, orange and other primary colours on it.

"Your eye responds to material things that are catching, and working with children you have to look playful, not just act playful," said Thomson.

All of the members of the band played at least one instrument or more. Jim played the guitar throughout the show, while Sandy and Suzanne played the keyboard and the tambourine.

"We, Suzanne and I, write all of our material. We try to keep things in their youth range. When we go onstage we have to act silly and be goofy."

The Smudge Fundaes are recording their second tape and CD and have a Web site.

"The music is both basic and it's difficult. Music is fun, and fun is important to have in families."

The group used props to help the show along, and they received better participation after they asked for help onstage from the audience.

A happy chaos ensued when they had the children go down to the front of the auditorium to dance and sing to the tune of Macarena only they called it the "Macaroni."

The Niagara College Child Centre put on the show. The Smudge Fundaes cost $400. The use of the auditorium was given to the child care centre free of charge by the school. Sundaes were donated to the child care centre from the Kralliz family, and the college's Student Administrative Council donated $100 after Pat Eversden, manager of the Niagara College Child Care Centre wrote a letter for donations.

After the Smudge Fundaes's performance, the audience enjoyed sundaes.

The Smudge Fundaes — Suzanne Nicks, Jim Yorfida and Sandra Thomson — perform a song with four children from the audience, at Welland Centennial Secondary School on Oct. 19. The volunteers were picked randomly from the audience and received Halloween goodie bags for their participation.

Photo by Jamie White

HALLOWEEN

Different culture, different holiday

By NATSUKO TAMURA
Staff Writer

"Day of the Dead" is a Mexican version of Halloween, but with a different purpose.

"Dia De Muertos" (Day of the Dead), which falls on Nov. 2, is "completely different" from Halloween in North America," says Jonathan Cuallo, 18, a Mexican student in the English as a Second Language program.

Cuallo says it's the day of the year to spend time with family members who have passed away and to bring back their spirituality.

People go to a cemetery and decorate the grave with dandelions, pictures and whatever the family member liked when alive, he explains. "The traditional Mexican way is to stay in a cemetery all night."

Carlos Aguilar, 26, from Mexico, says Mexicans celebrate with a special bread, called Pan de Muertos.

The Mexican students all agreed that nothing is more delicious than dipping a chunk of the bread into hot chocolate. They say hot chocolate has a different taste here, adding it's better in Mexico.

Another typical special treat is a skull-shaped "super sweet" candy, says Efren Souza, 18, of Mexico.

Cuallo says he found out Halloween has a creepy sense to North Americans, while Day of the Dead has a different tone in Mexico.

Schools, nevertheless, hold North American-style parties, says Souza, adding wearing costumes is common.

International students will have a pot luck Halloween party at After Hours on Oct. 29.

Three students from Mexico are looking forward to the Halloween party here in Canada.

"It'll be a new experience and interesting," says Cuallo.

Three Mexican students display a traditional offering for Day of the Dead.
Photo by Natsuko Tamura

Phantom or ghost?

By JENNIFER ATANAS
Staff Writer

Column

Ghosts don't only come out on Halloween.

If you work at a haunted theatre, as I do, you can see or hear a ghost on a daily basis.

I have worked at Limeridge Mall Famous Players in Hamilton, Ont., for seven months. It is an old theatre that was built under the mall. I'm not sure what paranormal occurrence brought the ghost to us, but, according to a past manager, it has been there for a long time.

To be honest, I personally haven't had the pleasure of meeting the ghost. However, on several occasions, I have heard it going about its business. I don't give it the opportunity to terrify me, but it has come pretty darn close.

On one occasion it mastered the secret code on the door that allows employees access to the upper offices and storage rooms.

It's hard to believe, but the manager and I were the only ones in the entire theatre. We continued hearing the code being punched in, the door opening and then slamming shut. It was pretty close to a nightmare.

I can say I also certainly received a good fright the night I heard children laughing just as I was about to open the door. To my surprise there wasn't one child in sight. To make matters worse, it was midnight. Children should be sleeping, not singing and playing around at a theatre at that time, right?

The theatre is being decorated with pumpkins, spooky lights and, yes, ghosts. The atmosphere, however, can't possibly compare with my own personal Halloween nights there.

I must start to fill my face with popcorn, candy and chocolate bars to better commemorate the whole occasion.

Hey, I could even invite the ghost. There's an idea!

Good things brewing for Halloween

By PENNI LAFLEUR
Staff Writer

Ball's Falls was once again the picture-perfect setting for the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority's annual Thanksgiving Festival.

With Thanksgiving marking the first of the autumn festivals, Halloween lovers took the opportunity to start the much-loved tradition of dressing up early. Once the pumpkins, gourds, cornstalks and Indian corn come out to adorn lampposts and front doors, some people like to recognize their "favourite time" of the year two weeks early.

The festival has put more emphasis on family activities, so members of the Pan Theatre, in St. Catharines, were decked out in theatre-style attire to pique the curiosity of even the most skeptical of believers.

While entertaining young children who dared to come close to her, Pamela Tonkonoh, 22, of St. Catharines, said it was an opportunity to dress up and "make fools of ourselves." Dressed up as "Tessie the witch," and speaking with a fake British accent, she said Halloween is her favourite time of year and her birthday just happens to be the day after.

Members of the Pan Theatre, in St. Catharines, gather at the Ball's Falls Thanksgiving Festival to display a feast of their own on Oct. 9. At left are Pamela "Tessie" Tonkonoh, Craig "Scarecrow" Maguire and Hilary "Kitty" Green. Photo by Penni Lafleur

"I loved it because I always had a candy taped to my present."

Accompanying Tessie at the outdoor picnic were Hilary "Kitty" Green, 18, and Craig "Scarecrow" Maguire, 21, both of St. Catharines, and members of the Pan Theatre.

Student learns lesson in using energy positively

By JENNIFER ATANAS
Staff Writer

Column

It's that time of the year again — Halloween. It is one day of the year on which we get to dress up and be someone totally different from our normal selves.

This year I have been doing some serious research on what I want to be for an entire evening. I have become quite discontented with my usual costume, so I think I need a change. I guess you could say being a dead cat just doesn't appeal to my inner self anymore.

Recently I came to a very strange and sudden realization: I have special powers, and I know quite well they are all in my mind.

It just seemed too weird to me when things started happening to people who were treating me terribly.

At the time I grinned and said, "Well that's karma for you," but I thought, "Hey, this could be something I could get used to and use at at my discretion."

Instead of cursing out every soul who crossed me, I marched directly to Chapters, the book people, and purchased *Making Magick*, a how-to manual for beginners, by Edain McCoy.

It is very informative, and I am learning a great deal. The funny thing is, it doesn't teach you how to be a witch. Rather, it teaches you how to use your energy in many different ways.

To my surprise I had used my energy incorrectly and, according to McCoy, not positively at all. Apparently I broke the most important rule, which states any energy sent out, good or bad, will be sent back three times over. Oops! I guess I just assumed after watching the movie Practical Magic 10 times, I was a pro.

I don't aspire to join a cult, purchase a sturdy broom or change my name to Tabitha or Sabrina, but I'd love to try to use my energy for good things.

We all supposedly have energy; it is just more dominant in some than others. It doesn't mean you're a witch

Let me tell you, from all my reading I have learned a witch is really not quite what you think it is.

If you want to get into all the aspects of energy, such as spells and covens, then, yes, that's dabbling in Magick. If all you have is a little curiosity and a lot of imagination, you could make a darn good witch for one night, just as I will.

CAMPUS COVERAGE

Top award winner

More than 128 graduates received their diplomas at Niagara College's fall convocation at the Glendale campus in Niagara-on-the-Lake on Oct. 15. Raj Kahlon, 28, of Welland (right), is congratulated by college President Dan Patterson. Kahlon graduated from the Law and Security Administration program with a 97.4 per cent acedemic average.

Photo by Lisa Taft

Broadcasting expansion for college radio station

By KYM CRAWFORD
Staff Writer

Radio students "want to be heard," said Stu Black, co-ordinator of Niagara College's Broadcasting — Radio, Television and Film (BRTF) program.

This is a distinct possibility, says Black.

The college is trying to get a low-power FM station and, possibly, to broadcast on the Internet. A test run was done over the summer to see how far the broadcast signal will travel. The broadcast will reach almost all of Welland.

A meeting was held to propose the idea to Bonnie Rose, Niagara College's vice-president academic, and to discuss the concepts, benefits and finances, because money will be needed up front to help purchase equipment.

Also discussed at the Sept. 14 meeting were a number of other factors such as licensing, potential legal implications and technical demands.

"First and foremost, our broadcast programs are excellent programs taught by outstanding faculty," says Rose, but the possibility of broadcasting over the Internet poses some "very big tech questions. This is a very new area for the college, but when faculty tells me of the advantages for students, I'm interested."

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> ***— Bonnie Rose***

Rose cautions that "we have to do our homework to make sure we know exactly what we're getting into and what it will take to succeed."

Before any of this can be implemented, faculty must come up with a careful business plan. Key players in this plan include Black, Ron Tufts, a third-year radio professor, Leo Tiberi, director of the Communications and Information Technology Division, and Chris Blake, executive director of the college's Foundations and Marketing.

Black says he hopes the college will make a decision by the end of this term. He says he finds the proposal is receiving "a favourable response from students."

"I think that because it's going to be broadcast throughout almost all of Welland, students will work a lot harder," says Dale Bernier, 23, of Blind River, Ont., a third-year BRTF student.

"The college is always delighted when we're able to make an investment that benefits our students, such as the new digital television cameras purchased recently," said Rose. "I'll be looking forward to seeing the business plan."

Women in trades, tech program at WITT's end

By LEIGH BEIHL
Staff Writer

After a long uphill journey, the Women in Trades and Technology (WITT) program at Niagara College has run into a brick wall.

WITT program co-ordinator Susan Kyle, 35, said the program has been indefinitely postponed, pending an increase in enrolment. "It is disappointing," said Kyle, who has been co-ordinator since the program's inception five years ago.

Earlier difficulties with funding for the program resulted in the low enrolment figures for the scheduled Oct. 25 start date.

The program had just received government tuition subsidization and Ontario Student Assistance Program eligibility this month, and a scholarship bursary was set up this summer with an unsolicited donation by General Motors of Canada and the Canadian Auto Workers Union employment equity committee.

The financial improvements to WITT have come too late to boost enrolment to minimum requirements, said Kyle "At this point we don't know when the programs will be starting again."

Pending the program's re-start, the scholarship funds will be available to female students studying in any trade or technology program at Niagara College.

Food donations needed

By JASON VIZBULIS
Staff Writer

Students in need have a place to go for emergency food supplies.

The Student Administrative Council (SAC) has started "Food for Friends Drive."

Students can drop off canned goods in boxes scattered throughout the three campuses in Welland, Niagara-on-the-Lake and Niagara Falls.

The food drive is being held from Nov. 1 to Dec. 17. Needy students can pick up the food from the SAC offices. Students may come once a week and receive up to five grocery bags of food.

Patricia Pichette, vice-president of campus affairs for the Welland campus, said, "The Food for Friends project benefits students in every way. It is an alternative to the food banks or looking for a loan."

Students in need are guaranteed confidentiality. "No questions, no names," she said.

All work, no play at Take Your Kids To Work Day

By MEGAN ROSS
Staff Writer

Every year, Grade 9 students are given an opportunity to visit the workplace and learn what their parents do for a living.

Take Your Kids to Work Day, marked this year on Nov. 3 at Niagara College, will find students from throughout the Niagara region accompanying their parents or guardian to their places of employment.

The day starts at 8:30 a.m. with the students and staff members meeting for a video conference at the Welland campus and the Glendale campus in Niagara-on-the-Lake.

"At nine o'clock, we have a list of activities that the Grade 9 students will be participating in, that will be just for the Grade 9 students, not for the parents," said Colleen St. Amand, of the college's Human Resources Development office.

"The parents or guardians will be invited to the opening remarks. Then they are just going to be asked to leave their students in our care. We will then have activities for them all morning."

These will include tours of the various skill centres and the opportunity to learn about different programs at the college.

Lunch for the students and staff members will be provided. In the afternoon, the students will be job shadowing their parents. This involves the students observing their parents at their desks or other workplace locations conducting their regular work-day activities.

The objective of the day is to provide opportunities for students to see parents, friends, relatives or a volunteer host in various roles and to see that person handling responsibilities. The objective is outlined in a booklet called The Learning Partnership that St. Amand received from the School Board of Niagara. The activity may help a student understand what the adult does to support a family.

This linking of classroom and workplace experience is intended to foster understanding and to promote co-operation between education and the community, says the booklet.

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CAMPUS COVERAGE

Aboriginal Education Access centre open

Traditional purifying smudge ceremony performed at Niagara College's Glendale campus

By CASSANDRA SIMONS
Staff Writer

Cleansing your heart, cleansing your mind, cleansing your spirit.

The Aboriginal Education Access centre (AEA), with locations at the Glendale campus in Niagara-on-the-Lake and at the Welland campus, is open to all Niagara College students, said Sheri Longboat, manager of the AEA.

The AEA at the Glendale campus is holding a "traditional ceremony" to celebrate the opening of the centre. The ceremony is on Tuesday, Nov. 9, at 10 a.m.

Everyone is welcome to attend and be a part of the traditional native ceremony. "The ceremony may last a half an hour," said Longboat.

Raymond Gould, 65, of the Maliseet Reserve in New Brunswick but who is living in Hamilton, will be performing the ceremony.

Gould's Indian name is Noskiginnewmoukmegakgaywal, meaning Nation Defender.

Gould is an Elder from his reserve. (The name is pronounced as it reads).

"The ceremony will include the use of sage. It is a blessing smudge to purify our bodies with smoke as an offering of incense. We do this to cleanse ourselves."

Gould said he learned how to do a smudge ceremony when he was in the Kingston Penitentiary. He learned to perform the ceremony from older aboriginals there, as well as Elders who visited the penitentiary.

"We're doing this ceremony because it's our ways. We do it spiritually. It's important to us to keep the traditions alive and, especially since it's at the school, we're doing this for students' awareness of the AEA."

Gould said men and women have strayed from the original instruction, but aboriginals are trying to get that instruction back. "We need to keep on doing it for the seventh-generation child."

The AEA offers computer access with Internet access to students registered at the AEA and clerical support to help the students. A visiting Elder comes every Tuesday to the Welland campus and to the Glendale campus.

Also, an aboriginal counsellor began last week.

"An aboriginal counsellor will be more sensitive to aboriginal students' needs," said Longboat.

During the year, the aboriginal centre will be having a career fair.

"We may have aboriginal speakers come in once a week for six weeks to speak about their careers," she said.

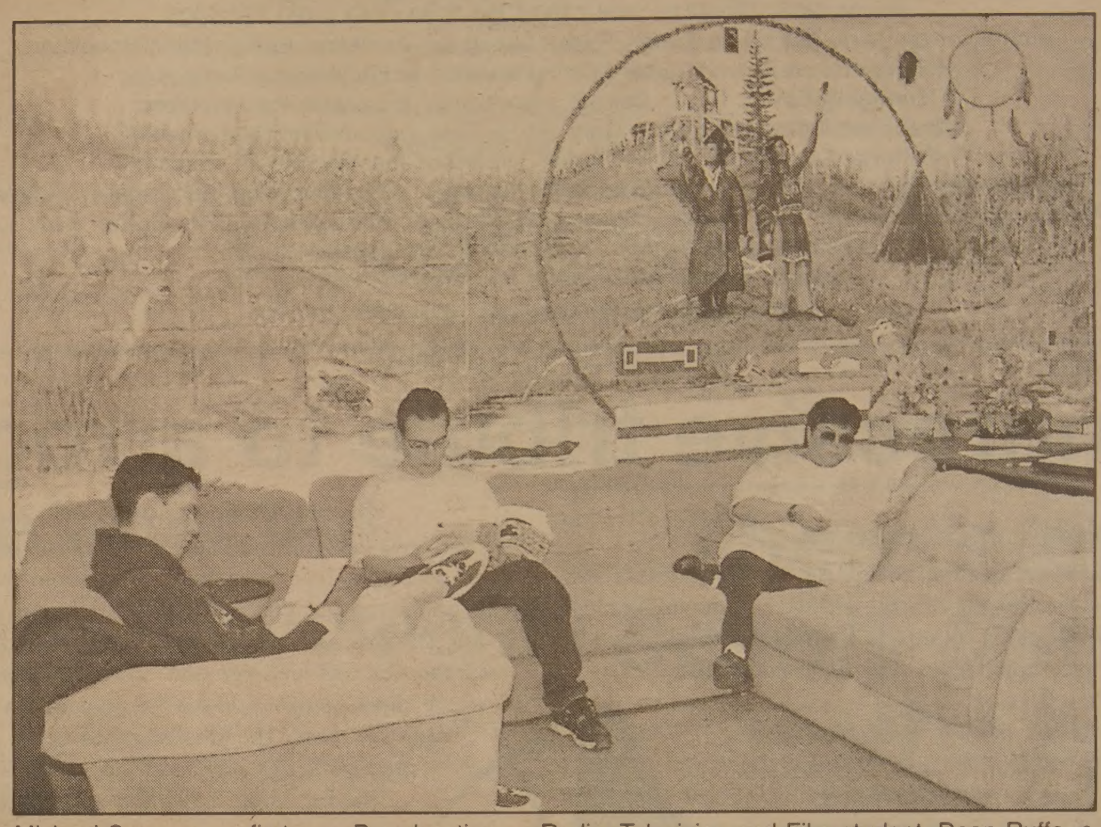
"Often the Aboriginal Education management circle, guidance body to the office, helps us to know what's going on in the community," said Longboat.

The aboriginal centre was set up to offer different types of services for students, she said.

"Often people are too afraid to ask. If you're going to learn, learn here, while you're still in school."

"We live in a contemporary society. We need to share our knowledge and wisdom to anyone who wants to learn," said Gould.

Anyone who wants to be involved in the AEA events may by calling 735-2211 ext. 7414.



Michael Summers, a first-year Broadcasting — Radio, Television and Film student, Dean Ruffo, a first-year Computer Programmer student and Gaye Hill, a second-year Human Relations student, take advantage of the AEA facility at the Welland campus.

Photo by Cassandra Simons

LRC offers students number of databases

By JENNIFER MAGO
Staff Writer

The Learning Resource Centre (LRC) at Niagara College's Welland campus offers students 15 computer workstations with access to a huge number of publications.

Using these computers, students can get access to online databases in addition to CD products and Netscape, an Internet browser.

Not including CD products, the online database costs about $50,000 a year. The LRC pays for it as part of its budget. The LRC may achieve discounts of about $9,000 depending on the number of colleges agreeing to group purchase.

"Databases are sources of information for students doing research assignments," said Sue Bartlett, library technician.

Caroline Cushman, 22, of St. Catharines, a second-year student in the Early Childhood Education program, said she uses the databases through the entire year. "It's the only source you can really use to find current articles on specific topics," said Cushman.

Three of the databases available at the library are EbscoHost, ProQuest and Electric Library Canada.

In EbscoHost, students can research about 150 Canadian-content magazines, 240 health magazines and 850 business magazines.

ProQuest provides access to more than 8,000 publications including summaries. Many articles from business and technical magazines or journals are available in full-text format. ProQuest also has general-interest periodicals.

Electric Library Canada has more than 150 full-text newswires, 2,000 classic books, thousands of photographs and works of literature and art.

Users should double click in on the database and then log onto it to reach the databases.

When the database EbscoHost comes up, it provides different choices of database to search with a description of what's inside. It then gives users the option of typing in a key word to search or an option of typing in the magazine's name and date published. This second option limits the search to exactly what the user wants.

After the search is complete, the results will come up on the screen. To read one for research, the user should click on the page icon.

Information can be printed on a laser printer by the workstation using a college identification card. It can be saved on disk or e-mailed.

If all the workstations are busy, users can access the databases in S109 if they have the URL, a Web address available from the library staff.

The workstations are usually busier around lunch and near final exam time.

"They are fairly user friendly," said Bartlett, adding, staff is around to help if anyone runs into problems.

The databases are available any time during library hours, which are Mondays to Thursdays 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Fridays 8 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. and Saturdays from noon to 4 p.m.

Former student rejoins college as aboriginal counsellor

By CASSANDRA SIMONS
Staff Writer

The more people learn about somebody else's culture the closer they'll get to that person, said Shirley Joshua.

Joshua, 43, of Thorold, was hired by Niagara College to provide aboriginal students with an aboriginal counsellor in late September.

Joshua graduated from the college's Social Services Worker program two years ago.

"I came to Niagara College as a mature student and was uncertain as to whether I'd be able to keep up with younger students. Niagara helped me clarify certain goals," said Joshua, adding, "I'm returning to Niagara with glee. I'm excited and happy to be at such a wonderful learning institution that's not afraid to show students that they (the whole school) care about students.

"They're always there to show they can help with a problem."

She says she has an "open door" policy. "I'm never too busy to see a student. I want to help provide students with direction."

Joshua says she had additional training from the Elders from the Saugeen Reserve near Southhampton.

She says she's dealing with students' educational studies to help them develop good study habits, employment ideas and career goals.

"I became a counsellor because I wanted to feel as though I was making a difference in someone's life and to guide them in a way that's beneficial to them."

Joshua says she feels there is a need for an aboriginal counsellor because there are cultural differences between non-aboriginals and aboriginals.

"An aboriginal counsellor may be able to understand the differences between the cultures and will know the difficulty that aboriginal students face when leaving family and friends behind - which is true for other students as well.

"When dealing with the aboriginal community, acceptance is pretty forthcoming."

Joshua says she feels having an aboriginal counsellor at the Welland campus and the Glendale campus in Niagara-on-the-Lake is important for the college because aboriginal people have a strong sense of community.

She says she feels the college wants to provide students with "someone who can listen, provide information and help obtain their goals.

"I want students to remember Niagara as somewhere that has made a difference in their lives."

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An impressive tribute to arrogance

The millennium is coming in like a mid-life crisis.

There is little sense of excitement, except for the few products slick enough to declare themselves the official whatever of the millennium, or the many organizations touting themselves as Y2K friendly. Otherwise, the new year approaches with quiet resignation, and more than a little reflection.

We aren't, as a species, where we thought we'd be.

There are no solar-powered bubble cars, no inter-stellar vacation spots, and certainly, no three-day work weeks. Heck, we haven't even solved world hunger, world peace or world population control.

In truth, we are so far removed from these goals that we have forgotten they ever were goals. These are just the stuff of pulpy science fiction.

Perhaps then, this quiet is our unexpressed disappointment — the silent pause of uncertainty that sits between our choice to rationalize our behaviours, or to change them.

After all we have come a long way in the last thousand years — and more than that in the last hundred. It would be a shame to throw those away.

Indeed, our inventory of accomplishments is little more an impressive tribute to the arrogance, cynicism and greed of the human race.

We have contaminated air and water supplies, and depleted forests and wildlife to feed our gross consumption. We still have people starving in the richest countries rather than letting our taxes show compassion. Besides, we are still paying for the nuclear weapons rotting in warehouses and underground silos. Fortunately, we don't have to worry about compassion for the poor in other countries because we can't see them. The West's arrival in the global village was complete with a Disneyland resort to block the view.

The fact is we really haven't contributed much to the world or to ourselves.

For all of our science, our literature, our hallowed money and our sacred technology, we have made relatively little progress in genuine human development. We somehow expected our enlightenment to literally drop from the sky, and now arrive at mid-life to find ourselves impotent.

Are we really ready to face another millennium? With everything we find in our hands right now, can we really take another thousand years of this?

In China it is considered a curse to wish someone live in interesting times. These are interesting times, as interesting as they are ever likely to be. Let us find within ourselves the courage and the wisdom to deal with these challenges — before they find a way to deal with us.

Leigh Beihl

Science making great strides

Science is a beautiful thing.

With scientists making a major breakthrough in defining the Human Genome last week, science is making great strides. But is it advancing in the right direction? Is it advancing for the better of humankind?

The evolution of humans has yielded many diseases, sicknesses and ailments, both physical and mental. Many diseases have cures; unfortunately many do not. Science has given us a great arsenal to fight the inevitable — death. Science has given us many means of improving our quality of life. Who is it that will decide which lives need to be improved, and which ones aren't worth living? You guessed it. Science.

Science is a dangerous thing.

It is true. Need proof? Abortion, euthanasia and mercy killing are all ways doctors put people who are suffering out of their misery. Dr. Jack Kevorkian has earned his livelihood on putting the "suffering" out of their misery.

Science is giving doctors the power of God. When scientists complete their research on mapping the Human Genome, it will open up many new doors, such as letting parents select which characteristics their child should have. Doctors and parents will be able to screen out any attributes they feel will be imperfections. Science will take the humanity out of childbearing. Children will not be human so much as they will become works of art.

Science is a new beginning.

The science fiction books youngsters read are now starting to become a reality. The authors have been able to use their imaginations to forecast the future. The future is now. Methods of cloning continue to evolve in laboratories. Doctors continue to learn and perform risky, experimental procedures.

Science continues to shatter all the rules, leap over all the edges and push all the limits. Science continues to bring us into the future. The new millennium will show us some exciting breakthroughs in medicine.

We can only hope when conducting these experiments scientists don't throw manners, faith and morality out the window.

Robert Lapensée

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COMMENTARY

Students enjoy college experience

By SHANNON PALOMAKI
Staff Writer

Your home away from home may have some rocky times.

I live with three students from Niagara College attending school at the Welland campus. They are two girls and a guy, and so far things are great.

When my roommate from last year and I heard that we had two new 'roomies' moving in the basement of the house, we were worried. What if we didn't like them? What if they didn't like us? What if we fight with each other?

Fortunately, we lucked out and the four of us are pretty cool with each other.

So, when we say that everything is going great, everyone says, "Yeah, it's only the first month."

College can be stressful with exams, assignments and money. Going home to the people that you live with shouldn't be.

We all made some decisions about living together when we met each other.

The first is we talk about anything that may be bothering us about one another. If we have a problem with a roommate, we discuss the problem one on one, not behind the persons back to another roommate, which would only cause more tension and hostility.

The second, is that we all go out for dinner together at least once a month to get out of the house and discuss any problems we have with one another. This gives us a sort of breather and gets us to know one another a little better outside of the kitchen, bathroom and living room.

Last is we share the house work. We all make the mess, so we all clean it up together. Whether we set certain days of the week as cleaning days or set a schedule of who does what, we all get the job done.

College can be stressful with exams, assignments and money. Going home to the people that you live with shouldn't be.

The college years are known as the best time of your life, and you should be able to enjoy these years with your roommates.

Everyone affected by feminist movement

By PENNI LAFLEUR
Staff Writer

The battle for equalization of the sexes in society has led to the formation of numerous organizations uniting to voice their views on any issue deemed oppressive to women.

From the "glass ceiling" issue in the workplace, sexual harassment in and out of the workplace, the right of every woman to have complete control over her reproductive system and the right to bare her breasts in public, women have united worldwide to be heard.

Some women identify control and power as the root cause of the war between the sexes.

Those who are interested in coming to a workable agreement say workplace problems between the sexes are nothing more than differing communication habits of men and women.

Various definitions of "feminism" have surfaced, mostly to serve the purpose of a particular point of view, for differences in gender will always carry stereotypical views.

Labels like "misogynist," "Pop feminist," and "feminatic" spew out of the mouths of those who point their finger in rage.

Men are feeling the fight is not for equalization, but dominance or superiority by their female counterparts in society. Some women identify control and power as the root cause of the war between the sexes.

Dec. 12, 1998, marked 50 years after which governments proclaimed the fundamental principles of human rights for all; however, women throughout the world remain woefully unprotected.

Extreme occurrences of female oppression are apparent in Afghanistan where the Taliban regime cites Islamic belief as the basis for "gender apartheid." Women and girls under the control of this extremist militia have been stripped of all their fundamental rights as human beings Numerous women's issues Web sites exist, all differing in their focus and stance, for women view feminism in terms of what they personally want for themselves. Some self-serving organizations promote pro-life and pro-family and have traditional views of women's role in society. Others seek to advance women's rights and to promote the goal of equality around the world through education, litigation, and advocacy and believe in reproductive freedom for women.

For more extreme cases of oppression and discrimination of women around the world who are unable to defend themselves, there are organizations that lobby governments and corporations not to support the oppressors.

Of course, there are those whose mission is to expose feminism for what they believe it is male bashing.

The cry for the right or the need to be protected from the ills of society is a constant; therefore, the impact of the feminist movement will inevitably affect everyone's life, now or in the future.

There's more to beauty than meets the eye

By SHANNON MASTALER
Staff Writer

What is beauty?

To me, beauty is the way you treat others throughout your life, the quality inside you that makes people laugh or the thing about you people love.

Beauty is the way your face turns red when you've been embarrassed, the way you smile when you are truly happy or the way you laugh at a funny thing.

If my interpretation of beauty is all these things, why am I still influenced by what society says beauty is?

A beautiful appearance has become so important in our lives, most start and finish their days thinking of it.

Hair, makeup, weight, etc. . . .

A beautiful appearance has become so important in our lives, most start and finish their day thinking of it. I believe we have been brainwashed to think we must look a certain way.

I believe beauty is what makes you, you. I don't think appearance or looks are important in my friends, friends or family.

Those I love are all beautiful to me, not because they are all good looking people, but because of what they have inside.

Looks may be what attracted them to me first (sadly enough,) but their attitudes, their humour, their personality and their love is what kept me attracted to them.

Those with only physical beauty have nothing else to offer.

Apparently, we still can't see past physical beauty, or, should I say, it is the first thing we see?

Why is it, with everything we have learned about science and technology, we are still incapable of learning about the most important kind of beauty — the beauty inside of us, the beauty that makes us unique.

As I get older, I am confident in saying that appearances are becoming less important to me. I hope this trend spreads across the world.

I wish I could live in a place where all women and men had enough confidence to be themselves, and to not worry about what they look like. I wish I could live in a place where no one cared what anyone else looked like.

Maybe one day this will happen. Until then, I encourage everyone to look inside of people. Outer beauty isn't the most important thing in a person. You may even come to realize that it isn't important at all.

Do yourself a favour and attend class

By PAUL MOONEY
Staff Writer

Mandatory attendance

My first few months at Niagara College weren't exactly fun, the academic part especially.

I was required to wake up in the morning, early I might add, and on top of that, attend classes.

The idea of working hard to achieve good grades was an absolutely ridiculous notion. After a while, I realized the key to having a good time was to eliminate the stress of class, an idea I considered ingenious.

For days on end I sat in my room, usually in an altered state, and played Nintendo 64. Man, was I having a good time!

I had a friend who visited regularly and who would inform me of the test dates and pass on some of the more important assignments.

I'd attend school from time to time when I considered my presence to be imperative.

I figured it's first year. What could I possibly be missing that's of any importance?

In retrospect, the answer to that question is . . . a lot.

By dodging responsibility during first year, I now find myself in a rather uncomfortable predicament. For example, I have the added responsibilities of retaking a course or two, which I might add, I have to pay for.

Everybody fails courses, but not everybody has been graced with the ability of sounding moronic because of not knowing what's going on.

An academic inferiority complex isn't easy to deal with when you're in second year, so take my advice. All you first-year students, do yourself a favour and attend class.

Well, at least sometime.

CAMPUS COVERAGE

United Way services work for communities

By MARY KOTSOPOULOS
Staff Writer

United Way of South Niagara is in the fourth week of the 1999 campaign. So far, it has raised $215,198 towards its goal of $887,000.

"The goal has been set below last's year total," said Sharon Svob, campaign and marketing director. Last year all campaigns reached a total of $902,000.

"This will be the 36th annual campaign for the United Way," said Mel Groom, general campaign chair.

Some of the events still to come are the Stamp-a-thon at the Port Colborne Mall on Nov. 13 and Ladies' Night Out at the Slovak Hall, 162 Hagar St. in Welland on Nov. 17.

Some suggestions for a United Way fundraiser are to have a silent auction, a sports event, an indoor/outdoor golf tournament or a barbecue.

"One in every three people in South Niagara uses the affiliated agencies associated with the United Way," said Svob.

"By investing in United Way you are helping one in four people in your community. That's 25,000 individuals in South Niagara each year. Some day that one person might be you or a member of your family. Whether it's accessing a safety-training program or meeting the needs of a family crisis, United Way funded services are working for you and your community," said Groom.

"Mel Groom's campaign cabinet offers their support and thanks to the multitude of volunteers that devote their time and efforts to the annual campaign," said Svob. "The co-ordinated efforts of everyone enable the United Way campaign to be an effective and efficient fund-raising operation. Donors can be assured that their dollars are supporting local programs that address their community's wellness."

United Way's mission statement is "To promote, develop and support the organized capacity of our community members to care for one another. We will mobilize volunteer and financial resources in a common cause of caring," said Svob.

"United, we can build a healthy, caring community," said Svob.

United Way is having the Halloween Challenge for best-dressed office or best costume for everyone in South Niagara. "Whichever one (you participate in), United Way will thank you," said Svob.

Decorate yourself or your office and you will win prizes and have fun at the same time, she said.

Mel Groom, the United Way of South Niagara general campaign chair (left), and Sharon Svob, campaign and marketing director of United Way, stand by Halloween pumpkins. The campaign's goal is $900,000.

Photo by Mary Kotsopoulos

Date auction raises money for United Way

Patricia Pichette takes bids for Ryan Fifield, 21, of St. Catharines, a student in the Computer Engineering Technology program, at a charity date auction she helped organize at After Hours.

Photo by Sam Bayly

By SAM BAYLY
Staff Writer

Prospective dates had to show their stuff before buyers would bid at a charity auction.

The date auction, with proceeds going to the United Way of South Niagara, was held at After Hours at Niagara College's Welland campus on Oct. 13.

The audience cheered for the male participants to remove their clothes before the bidding would go any higher than $5.

Ryan Fifield, 21, in the Computer Engineering Technology program, said his "butt was his best attribute." His striptease earned the highest amount,$20.

The event 'really turned out well.'
— Shannon Fast

The event "really turned out well," said Shannon Fast.

Fast, 20, and Patricia Pichette, 19, the Student Administrative Council vice president of campus affairs, both of Welland, organized the event for their Human Relations program. They are in their second year.

The auction lasted for an hour and a half and brought in $146. After expenses, $80 was donated to the United Way.

Many people volunteered to go on stage to be auctioned of as dates to supplement the five men originally scheduled.

The five men and their buyers received movie theatre tickets, but the volunteers had to arrange their own dates.

College moves one step closer to getting support

By JOHN ROBBINS
and TARA PURPURA
Staff Writers

They called it a reinvestment, and Niagara College moved one step closer to getting their support.

Regional council approved "in principle" a funding request by Niagara College for $400,000 over the next five years at its Oct. 7 meeting.

"It's an investment not just in the present, but a real investment in the future," said Bill Smeaton, a Niagara Falls regional councilor, in support of the request.

The money — $80,000 a year for five years — represents one-third of the "payments-in-lieu" (PIL) which the Region receives for Niagara College.

PIL are transfer payments made by the province to municipalities to compensate them for the additional demands made on local services as a result of the number of students attending a college or university within that area.

Niagara College's PIL rate is $75 for each full-time student.

Similar requests by Niagara College earlier this year were granted by the City of Welland, for $30,000 a year, and the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake, for about $15,000 a year.

Not all councillors want to commit the Region to funding post-secondary institutions, an area which in the past, has been the responsibility of the provincial government.

"I feel very strongly that this (education) is a provincial responsibility and that it should remain there," said Robin Davidson, a regional councillor from Thorold.

Davidson, who voted against the motion, said she too recognizes the "positive impact" Niagara College has on the economy of the Niagara region.

"My vote became an anti-Niagara College vote, but I'm not anti-Niagara College.

"They (the province) have got us between a rock and a hard place," said Davidson, adding, "I was very disappointed we took this on."

Debbie Zimmerman, regional chair and graduate of Niagara College's Journalism-Print program, said the region benefits from Niagara College and Brock University. "They are part of our economic machinery."

As regional chair, Zimmerman can't vote on issues before regional council, but said she is "certainly" in favour of the grant.

"We (the region) look at colleges and universities from the point that education is not a regional responsibility. I don't think of it as downloading, and I'm not prepared to allocate for education on a long-term basis. It's an economic development support grant."

Chris Blake, executive director of the Niagara College Foundation, confirmed that the college's request was presented to the regional finance committee and budget committee prior to regional council's Oct. 7 vote.

Blake said the grant, if approved by the region, will be used "to complete Master Plan I fund-raising and to address the technology gap."

According to the college's written submission to the region, the college must replace equipment that becomes outdated every two to three years.

Michael Collins, a St. Catharines regional councillor and Niagara College instructor, declared a conflict of interest and did not vote on the issue.

Niagara College's request will be included in the Region's 2000 budget for final consideration next spring.

"I believe that the political will exists to see this issue through," said Smeaton.

CAMPUS COVERAGE

ID cards offer alternatives for students

10,000 cards have been issued to date

BY JENNIFER MAGO
Staff Writer

If you're 19 years of age or older, but don't have photo identification, such as a driver's license or health card, there's a low-cost way to smooth entry to liquor sales outlets or places serving alcoholic beverages.

The Bring Your Identification (BYID), a photo ID card, was launched in 1996 for people 19 years of age or older at a cost of $15.

Chris Layton, 46, of Toronto, is the Liquor Control Board of Ontario's (LCBO) media relations co-ordinator.

Layton said the card was introduced as a means of helping people of legal drinking age prove their identity.

"The card is very popular for people who don't have a license," said Layton.

Andrew S. Brandt, LCBO chair and chief executive officer, recently presented the 10,000th card to Leana Stewart, of Etobicoke, at a ceremony at the Queen's Quay LCBO store in Toronto.

Stewart turned 19 in April and applied for the BYID card for her photo ID before going away to Queen's University in Kingston, Ont.

"I didn't have a driver's license or any acceptable form of photo ID, so my mother suggested I apply for a BYID card. I think this is an important program, and the card was easy to obtain. It will definitely come in very handy both at school and in other situations," said Stewart in a press release.

There have been 1,500 cards issued in Northern Ontario and 2,500 have been issued in western Ontario. BYID cards have added up to $150,000 in revenues for the LCBO to date. These funds are used to support the ongoing administration of the BYID card program and other LCBO social responsibility programs.

The BYID card can be used in liquor, beer and wine stores. It may also be used in bars, restaurants, casinos and licensed establishments, said Layton.

"The feedback we've received is that it is a very useful piece of identification," said Layton.

All customers who appear to be under the age of 25 are carded for proof of age in all LCBO stores.

"The LCBO is very vigilant not to serve to underage people or anyone under the influence," said Layton.

The card includes the applicant's name and date of birth, the date the card was issued and a serial number. The old and new versions of the card are acceptable forms of identification.

Andrew S. Brandt, LCBO chair and chief executive officer (left), and Sherry Smith, BYID administrator (right), present Leana Stewart, 19, of Etobicoke, with the 10,000th BYID.

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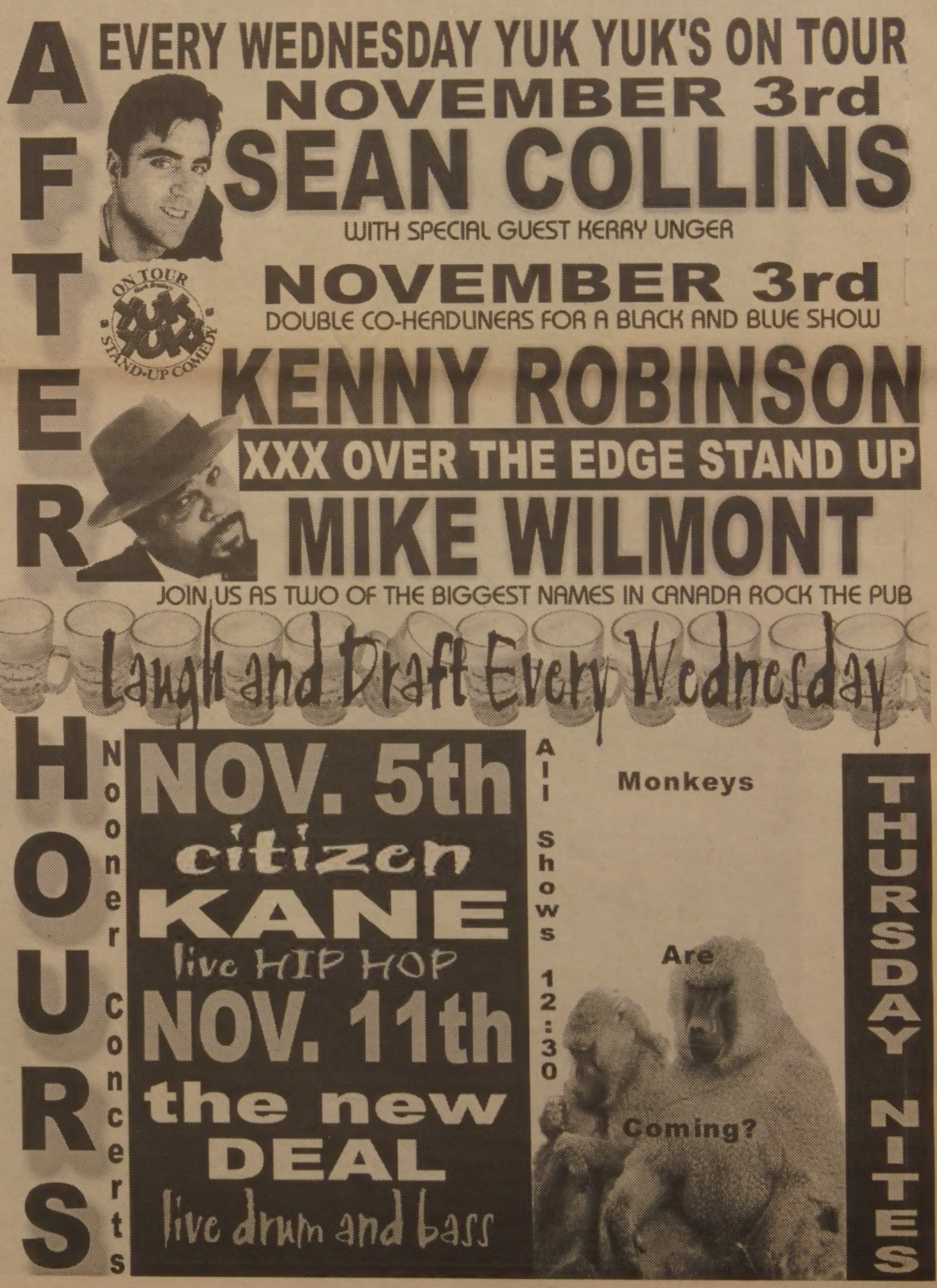

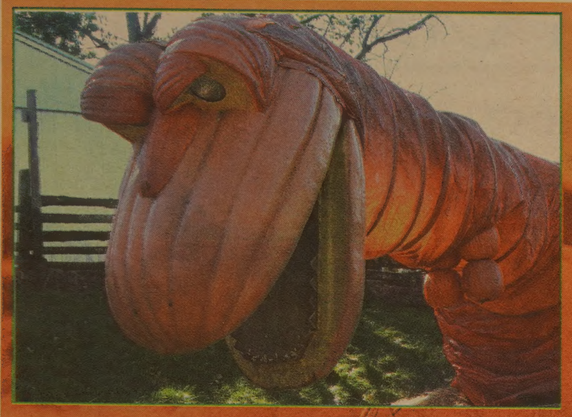

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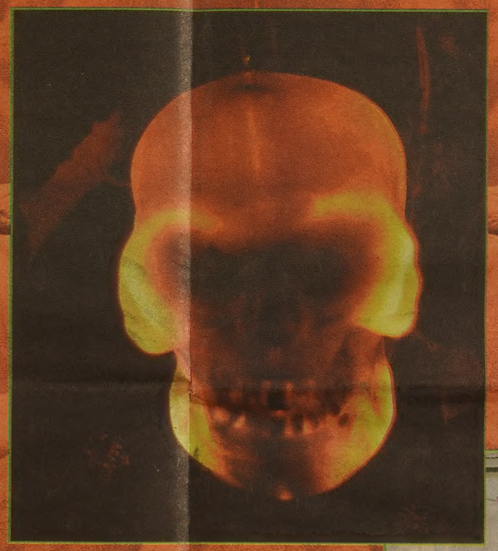

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HEALTH

Seniors reminded to feel 'Forever Young'

By MANDI SPEELMAN
Staff Writer

International Year of the Older Person is in full swing as the play Forever Young hits the stage at Brock University in St. Catharines.

Laughter filled the room as the cast from Thorold Community Theatre entertained and educated viewers on Sept. 22 about seniors staying healthy.

"This is an excellent way of getting health messages to seniors through comedy," says Donna Basler, of St. Catharines, a registered nurse for the Regional Niagara Public Health department in St. Catharines.

"The play is also for caregivers of seniors in the Niagara region, who can help them live healthy and to help them prevent injuries."

Basler, one of the play's project co-ordinators, says the play, written especially for an older audience, began in Parry Sound and was run by the health department there.

The writer, Jane Pawsey, gave permission for the health department in the Niagara region to adapt her plays Please Help Me, I'm Falling and You Gotta Have Heart.

The Ministry of Health had given grant money to each district in Ontario for the International Year of the Older Person project. Basler says the health department approached the MPPs' advisory committee members Peter Kormos (Niagara-Centre) and Jim Bradley (St. Catharines) with a grant proposal for financial support for their project.

The play would have made some impact since "the Niagara region is above the provincial average" of the number of seniors living in the area, says Basler.

The men and women who volunteered to act in the play were 50 years old and older and conveyed the comedic aspect of some problems seniors can have.

The topics of the skits ranged from unhealthy habits like smoking and lack of exercise, to the prevention of falls. Injuries from falls account for 86 per cent of hospital admissions for seniors aged 65 and over (more in women than in men) and is the sixth leading cause of death among seniors.

Francoise Hubley, of St. Catharines, a registered nurse for the Regional Niagara Public Health department, says the majority of falls occur during January, February and March.

"A lot of seniors walk to do errands. Other than that, they don't go out any more than they have to," she said, adding the more seniors are inside during the winter, the less active they are. This inactivity leads to loss of muscle and bone strength.

"With loss of strength, there's more of a fall increase. To get their exercise during the winter, they should go for walks in the mall."

The play showed how seniors do not like changing old habits. Saving collectibles all over the house can lead to more falls, especially when they walk through the house at night, when visibility is reduced.

Hubley says misuse of medication is another problem.

"Seniors take about 8.9 medications a day. Drug interactions, along with side effects, can increase their risk of falling," she says, adding one in every 1,000 deaths is drug related.

She says pharmacists in Niagara are providing booklets containing a senior's updated medication records to keep track of the prescriptions.

"In case of an emergency, the booklet can be readily accessible."

Staying active not only makes seniors "healthy physically, but mentally too," says Basler.

The skit was about two sisters, one of whom likes sitting all day and complains about her husband, and the other, who eventually takes up walking and golfing. It showed the difference, mentally and physically, between being active and non-active. The active sister looked happier and energetic, as her body movements were quicker than her sister's.

Cast members from the Thorold Community Theatre pose onstage at Brock University in St. Catharines for the play Forever Young on Sept. 22.

Photo by Mandi Speelman

Activity "prevents diseases, like heart disease and osteoporosis, and reduces stress and depression," says Basler.

Walking is the "number 1" activity and can be done at any time of the day. When "we visit the elderly, instead of sitting down for tea, we should take their arm and go for a walk around the block and talk to them," Basler says.

At the end of the play the cast stood in two lines on stage and sang enthusiastically, "You're never too old to have fun. All you need is heart. You've got to have heart."

Walk, roll and run

BY JENNIFER MAGO
Staff Writer

The value of all sponsorships was $168,000. It's a new record from the annual walkathon staged by AIDS Niagara.

There were 244 walkers and 60 volunteers in the 24-hour fitness Niagara AIDS walk, roll and run. It set new records in its ninth season. The total pledges received on walk day were $28,500, which beat the old record of $27,800 in 1995.

Jim Martin, 36, of Hamilton, is part of the agency AIDS Niagara, on 50 William St., in St. Catharines.

Martin said it is his first year being associated with the agency. He is the fund-raising co-ordinator.

"This year's results were absolutely amazing," said Martin.

The AIDS Niagara team of nine staff and directors made up the winning team, raising $9,154, a record for any team. The top corporate team was ALDO with 10 members, raising $485. Denis Morris High School from St. Catharines was the top high school again this year with 97 members raising $4,816.

"Denis Morris seems to be a school that really believes in this cause," said Martin.

Kevin Lailey raised the most for an individual at $4,352. He raised the highest last year and placed the second highest in Ontario. Peter Quaglia was second highest raising $1,545 and Larry Bowlby was third, raising $1,330.

The AIDS Niagara team is eligible for prizes awarded by GlaxoWellcome, an international pharmaceutical manufacturer. The prizes go to the two AIDS organizations that have the highest average per team. The top teams will receive a handcrafted trophy designed by Joe Fernandez of Garden Park Gallery. The top individuals will receive a medallion, also from Park Gallery.

The Niagara walk is part of a national network. This year there were 110 communities participating. Across Canada, 55,000 people raised more than $2.6 million for local agencies.

All of the money raised in Niagara stays here to fund public education and client service programs for the citizens of the region.

Martin said the first walk in Niagara was in 1991 and the first walk in Canada was in 1990.

"The numbers for the turnout show a solid base to build on for the future," said Martin.

Sponsors for this AIDS walk included 24 Hour Fitness, the title sponsor, as well as CHSC 1220, Metrocell/Bell Mobility, Vintage Inns, The Pen Centre, Pulse Niagara, Royal Bank Financial Group, Port Weller Pharmacy, MediaForge, Club Rendevouz, Molson Companies Donations Fund, Subway, Kinetico, Arizona Iced Tea, Garden Park Gallery, and Skyway Reprographics.

Breast cancer can be beaten

By TRACEY ALLISON
Staff Writer
Column

For some people, October is just another month. For me, it means more.

It's Pink October, National Breast Cancer Awareness month.

Various events occur this month across North America to raise money and promote early detection and screening for breast cancer.

Among these events are the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce Run for the Cure, held on Oct. 3, and the Lee National Denim Day, Oct. 8, when workers donated $5 and wore jeans to work.

Every three minutes a woman is diagnosed with breast cancer . . .

Canada Post sells a breast cancer stamp through its outlets with some of the funds going to charity. It has already raised more than $8 million.

According to the Canadian Cancer Society, breast cancer is the leading cause of death in women aged 35 to 54. Every three minutes a woman is diagnosed with breast cancer and every 12 minutes a woman dies of it. One in nine women who live to the age of 85 or older will develop breast cancer in her lifetime.

To those of you uneducated on this topic, these statistics may be shocking. To me, they are no surprise.

I dedicate this month to my mother. She is a breast cancer survivor – twice.

The first time she had cancer I was four, so I don't remember very much. The second time, she was diagnosed in the summer of 1996, I remember well.

I was terrified because cancer, to me, meant death. It had killed my grandfather the year before. Today, my mother has given me a different definition of cancer.

She taught me the meaning of hope and determination.

I watched my mother lose her energy, her liveliness and her hair, but she never lost her inner strength or her courage. She taught me the meaning of hope and determination. I will take this with me because one day I may face the same struggle. My mother, Gail Allison, is a story of inspiration to everyone and a true example of survival.

You can beat cancer, and that statement is the reason early detection is so important. The methods of self-examination are something every woman should take the time to learn.

I dedicate this month to my hero, my mother. She represents the true meaning of strength. She is living proof this disease can be beaten.

Please take part in donating to breast cancer awareness and help create a better, healthier future for my mother, for me, and for all other women.

EYE ON NIAGARA

Clearing up the myths of acne's causes

By MANDI SPEELMAN
Staff Writer

Six million Canadians have it.

It is inflammation around hair follicles caused by plugged follicles and a bacterial over-growth.

According to studies, 85 per cent of adolescents and young adults between the ages of 12 to 25 have acne. Twenty per cent of a dermatologist's practice is devoted to the assessment and management of this skin disease, which can be caused by hormonal changes in the body.

Several acne products are stocked on shelves every year, but they vary in effectiveness. It's all in the ingredients, says Lucy Jolviet, of Welland, a part-time Shoppers Drug Mart employee in Welland.

"The more natural the ingredients, like salicylic acid, the more effective they are than manufactured types of ingredients, like benzoyl peroxide, that are mixed together."

She says the cost of the product doesn't make it a better product. "Price means nothing. It's the actual product itself. The costs just reflect on the company's name and the store's mark up."

Costs vary from $5 to $20 for facial cleansers, facial masks and soaps.

When adolescents walk in and ask for an acne product, she usually shows them the more publicized brand names like Oxy or Clearasil, but recommends the product Clear Logix.

"It has a higher success rate and is very good. Neutrogena is also a phenomenal product. I never recommend anything to people who have severe acne. Those kind of medications should be prescribed."

She says, when people choose an acne product, "they should stick with the same name brand to the end," says Jolviet.

> ***'I felt like everybody was staring at me when I was at school.'***
> ***— Amanda Wilson***

"People shouldn't be using a Neutrogena soap bar with Oxy pads, because the ingredients are all different. If you're using Oxy, use all of Oxy products. Mixing them may irritate your skin."

For those who want to try healthier methods and are willing to spend about $20 or more, acne treatments containing herbal remedies like tea tree oil and primrose oil can help.

"Herbal treatments help clean out all the toxins in the body," says Amanda Smith, of Port Colborne, a part-time employee at Health Wise, a health store in the Seaway Mall. She says the "myth about poor diet not contributing to having bad skin," isn't true. She recommends not drinking coffee or eating eating fatty foods, both of which contain toxins "that come through the skin, making it look unhealthy."

"Teens tend to have less than ideal diets, and they are the ones who break out. Working around grease and greasy food can plug pores and aggravate acne," says Michael Kaminer, assistant professor of dermatology at Harvard Medical School in Boston, Mass. in an e-mail response.

Smith says while conventional medications at stores work by applying everything on the outer surface of the skin, the "inner body needs to be detoxified as well."

A national survey, commissioned by Hoffman-La Roche Limited and conducted by Pollara Research, found 52 per cent of moderate-to-severe acne sufferers say acne affects their ability to socialize with friends.

"I felt like everybody was staring at me when I was at school," says Amanda Wilson, 19, of New Liskeard, Ont., in a telephone interview. "My self-esteem was really low and I felt ugly, so I covered my face with make-up and with my hair."

She says the more make-up she would put on, the more acne she got. It was recommended to her to wear an oil-free foundation to prevent her condition from getting worse.

"My sister had something on her face that looked like acne, but wasn't, so I went to the doctor's to see if I had what she had. It turned out I did have acne."

She says the doctor prescribed Benzamycin, (containing benzoyl peroxide) and a Vitamin A acid cream, which keeps skin pores clear.

"I've been taking it for a year, and it totally cleared up my acne. I feel pretty and more confident now."

She says while taking the medication, the side effects made her face feel like it was burning and the skin on her face was dry and flaky.

"The one thing I regret doing is picking at my acne. It left scars that I will have for life." She says she was prescribed an even stronger medication, but refused it, since "it wouldn't allow me to be pregnant."

Another recommended product for moderate-to-severe acne sufferers is Acutane. It provides long-term remission and cured about 80 per cent of patients treated.

Before considering taking any kind of medication for acne, acne sufferers, especially pregnant women, should consult a physician.

To speak to a registered nurse about acne and its treatments, or to receive a free acne information video, call the toll-free number, 1-800-470-2263 ext. 300.

Women's Place hosts arts and craft show

By CASSANDRA SIMONS
Staff Writer

The Arts and Craft show, hosted by Woman's Place of South Niagara Inc., was a good cause for the community to contribute to, said Richard Anger, 19, of Hamilton.

Anger said he and the other first-year students in the Law and Security Administration (LASA) program at Niagara College in Welland must volunteer 40 hours of community work.

"The crafts are really nice. It's a little cramped inside," said Anger. "We've directed at least 400 cars today."

The show took place at Welland Centennial Secondary School on Oct. 16 and 17.

Noel Gracie, 23, of Niagara-on-the-Lake, said he saw a lot of crafts for Halloween and Christmas.

Gracie, a second-year student of the LASA program, said he didn't have to be at the show "since you have the option to volunteer, but it's for a good cause, so I don't mind."

"Almost everyone's been leaving with at least one thing. The prices are really reasonable, and everything is handcrafted," said Gracie.

Rosemary McKnight, show convener, said she's seen the "bright side of 60," and estimated 5,000 people attended. Admission was $2 a person.

McKnight said she's been the convener of the show since 1988.

"I've seen the show grow from 35 to 200 exhibitors. All of the proceeds go to the Woman's Place shelter."

She said originally the show was to fund-raise for the shelter building fund, but now the money goes to the "actual" running of the facility.

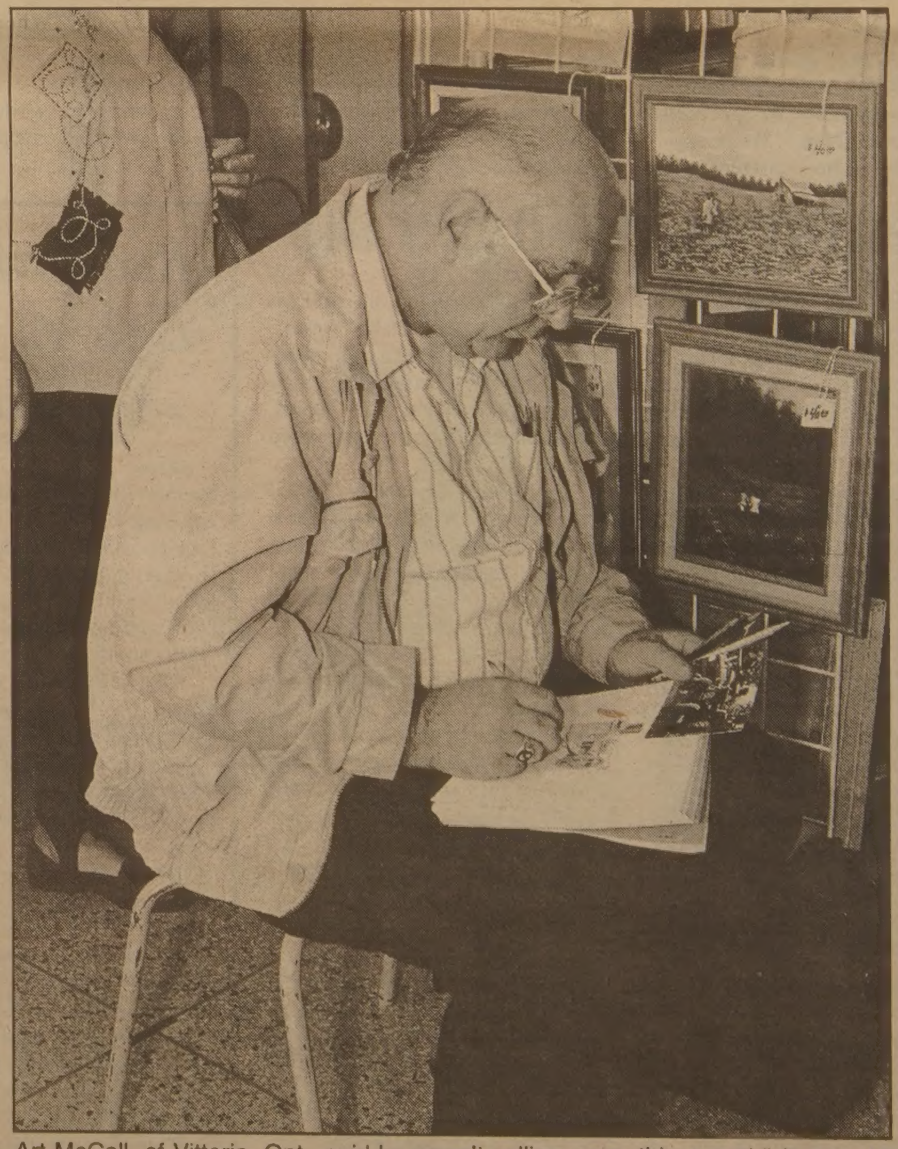
The exhibition is one of the largest shows in Southern Ontario, said McKnight.

"Generally, Woman's Place raises around $20,000 during the show," she said. "Local people are always so supportive."

Laurie Main, 36, of Welland, said she spends around $100 at the show each year.

"I used to go to all of the craft shows in the area that I could, and I still go to quite a few, but I still come here every year."

Main said she thinks the show is "great, and the crafters are really nice."



Art McCall, of Vittoria, Ont., said he wasn't selling many things and "city people are different." He was participating in a craft show at Welland Centennial Secondary School. The event was hosted by the Woman's Place of South Niagara Inc.

Photo by Cassandra Simons

Art McCall, of Vittoria, Ont., said he didn't sell too many things.

McCall, of Village Arts and Crafts, said he usually shows in steam shows, not in craft shows.

"Steam shows are mostly in the country. My crafts are mostly of the country. City people are different," said McCall, adding, "not trying to be rude, but city people are just different."

Rose Fogel, a demonstrator for a type of embroidery called Bunka Shishu, an art that originated in Japan, said she's been doing demonstrations for this show for 12 years.

Fogel, 70, of Port Colborne, said a Bunka Shishu picture looks like an oil painting. However, if the picture is looked at closely you see it's embroidery.

"We don't sell anything at our booth. We're here to do demonstrations for people who are interested in this embroidery, and then we recommend classes to learn this art properly."

Mary Melville, 54, of Welland, said she started making scarves five years ago when her daughter sent her a scarf.

"My daughter sent the scarf and told me she thought I could make them," said Melville.

She said she had done "extremely" well during the show.

"Every year it seems we do a little better than the one before. We've had a lot of repeat customers."

Sherry Allan, 37, of Fonthill, said she's been making Time Out Babies for three years. Time Out Babies are dolls made out of fabric.

"It took me a couple of months to figure out how to make them, but I like doing it," said Allan, while joking with a customer about a Dan Marino Time Out Baby.

"I've always enjoyed making crafts and since I have four boys and no girls, I make my dolls. It's sort of a hobby, at the same time as a living," said Allan. "Besides, now I play and talk to my dolls."

The motto for the show is "Where Christmas shopping begins," said McKnight.

PROFILES

Desrochers receives Award of Excellence

By CASSANDRA SIMONS
Staff Writer

Students are her friends — and that's what sets Carol Desrochers above the rest as this year's recipient of the Award of Excellence for support staff.

Desrochers is a "most worthy nominee," says Stu Black, co-ordinator of the Broadcasting— Radio, Television and Film program at Niagara College in Welland.

"In my 24 years at Niagara, I have never dealt with an employee who is so consistently and genuinely cheerful and pleasant to deal with," Black says.

Desrochers deals with students, faculty, administration and co-workers in her role as a registration assistant in the Registrar's office.

'She is at her best when the pressure is on.' — Stu Black

Black says Desrochers will "always" perform the task to the best of her ability and, although it must frequently be a problem, it "never" appears to be.

Her vocabulary and demeanour don't include whining, frowning or negative language, he says.

"Her philosophy, though not formally expressed, is clearly evident: an obvious belief that students are our raison d'etre

"The ingredients for stress and frustration are part of the package," said Black.

"Her caring, gentle attitude in dealing with students is refreshing to observe and deeply appreciated by our 'customers,'" Black says.

Because of her "diligent preparation of her infamous checklist" that she issues early in the term, students "successfully graduate."

Desrochers, 49, of Wainfleet, handles all students' records and grades until they're eligible to graduate.

Carol Desrochers (front) this year's recipient of the Award of Excellence for support staff, is surrounded by co-workers (from left) Nancy Marcov, Wendy Nicholls, and Darla Germain.

Photo by Cassandra Simons

"I've been able to work with everyone and I have the feasibility to handle students.

"I was overwhelmed to receive the award. I'd had no idea I'd won until they said something about Flutie Flakes." Desrochers is a huge fan of the diminutive Buffalo Bills football quarterback, Doug Flutie.

She will "never" be considered to be a "flake, although her taste for a certain cross-border cereal is evident," Black says.

"Each day she puts herself on the line, quarterbacking Team Niagara with a great deal of poise.

"She is at her best when the pressure is on."

Desrochers says she wanted to work in an office in a high school when she was still in high school.

"I like the contact I have with students and being able to make friends with the students."

Desrochers says, with the help of everyone in the office, she is able to do a better job.

"We have a lot of fun in the office," she says, laughing along with her co-workers after being photographed together.

Desrochers' workplace "subtly" shows the value she places in family. He work area is full of family photos.

Black says he took pleasure nominating "a truly exceptional co-worker, one who genuinely cares about people, and who, by her example, provides the perfect model for the Award of Excellence."

"I work with teachers and directors to smooth out errors and complaints of students."

Desrochers has worked at the college's Welland campus for 15 years.

BRTF student enjoying Welland life

Compares life in small city to hometown in Newfoundland

By JENNIFER ATANAS
Staff Writer

It's a long way from home for Lee O'Brien, a Niagara College second-year Broadcasting — Radio, Television and Film (BRTF) program student.

O'Brien, 25, from St. John's, Nfld., is attending classes after completing a four-year sociology degree at Memorial University in St. John's.

He said he was exempted from his first year at the college because of his past work experience.

"I worked three years part time, and full time last year, as a camera operator and audio technician." O'Brien said the work experience was "fantastic. I liked it a lot."

The work experience and an interest in media and broadcasting helped him with his decision to attend Niagara, said O'Brien. However, he said his main reason for choosing the school was he knew someone who graduated from BRTF.

O'Brien said Welland and St. John's are comparable.

"There is not much going on in Welland, but I like it because it's small like St. John's. They both have no crime, are safe and relaxed."

O'Brien said he does like Welland, but would "prefer to live somewhere else, just in general, where there is more to do.

"I can enjoy Welland," said O'Brien, but "I do miss home."

There is more to do there than in Welland, he said, adding "St. John's is a really nice place to live."

By leaving home, he said, his pastimes have changed slightly. "I never brought my golf clubs and I haven't found a game of hockey." Playing guitar, golf and hockey are just some of his interests.

Some of his friends didn't welcome his decision to leave and to live so far away from his home, he said. "Some were upset because it disrupts the social circle. No one really likes that."

O'Brien said he tries to keep in contact with friends and family, adding he "socializes a lot." He said he enjoys the $20-a-month plan Bell Canada offers, because he can keep in touch with friends attending schools in other provinces. "There's nothing like a good phone call."

O'Brien said going out with his roommates is a ritual he "loves," adding they've been to many places, but they particularly enjoy JJ's Roadhouse and The Venice, where they are known and served by name.

"The Venice is exactly what I was looking for. I had the same service back home." The owner, Lorenzo Lucchetta, greets them personally and has memorized their orders, O'Brien said.

Although far from home, he's kept busy. "I have a bunch of stuff on the go."

In a week, he said he must direct scenes at a basketball game, write a five-minute script, write a 60-second radio ad and review jazz night at The Venice.

"It is probably the busiest time."

After all the hard work has paid off, O'Brien said, he wants to work somewhere he enjoys. "I want to make stuff I think is good and that people enjoy."

He said he's "undecided" as to where he'll go after graduation, but likes what his hometown has to offer. He will credit his schooling for his successes, he said.

"Something in the world of broadcasting, television or film is what I want to do. The only way I'm going to do it and probably be successful and highly qualified, is by attending school."

Beamsville native enjoys LASA's 'in-depth' training

By TRACEY ALLISON
Staff Writer

Adam Yacura, 20, of Beamsville Ont., says he is enjoying his second year of the Law and Security Administration (LASA) program.

Yacura began the program in 1998 and his courses covered a wide variety of topics.

"First year seemed very general, but this year is more specific to the field I want."

His second year provides "much more detailed and in-depth training" in his field of choice, he says.

Yacura has interests in customs and policing, so his courses are focused on these.

"I want the options because I am unsure of exactly what I want to do."

Yacura says he enjoys his second-year courses "much more than last year" because they're "more interesting" and focus on the specifics he wants to learn about.

The courses are "taught well," he says, because the teachers are experienced in the material they're presenting. This makes "class and teachers more interesting to listen to."

Yacura says he looks forward to graduating at the end of the year.

"I like that I have the option to fast track into the Police Foundations program."

After graduating, Yacura has the opportunity to take additional courses for 15 weeks in the summer in order to graduate from the Police Foundations program with a double diploma.

"I think this is a great idea and is something I'm considering."

Whether or not Yacura decides to fast track, he says he has goals.

At the beginning of his program, he wanted to enter the customs field.

"Recently I have been debating changing my focus and aiming for work in the police force."

Yacura says he's looking forward to the rest of the year.

"We have less hours of class this year, which also makes it more enjoyable." He says he's "happy in law and security, and I am anxious to get my diploma and move on."

EYE ON NIAGARA

I CAN TER taking part in Many Hands Project

By SHANNON MASTALER
Staff Writer

I CAN Therapeutic Equestrian Riding Association of Niagara (I CAN TER) has been chosen by Niagara College's Special Event Management program's advisory committee to be this year's Many Hands Project.

David Veres, co-ordinator of the Special Event Management program, said students will plan all aspects of the event.

"Now that we have selected an agency, the next part of the project is developing what we're going to do," said Veres.

Many Hands provides I CAN TER with an opportunity to have site renovations, and to promote themselves in the community at no cost. The project will take place in April 2000.

Many Hands will provide I CAN TER with a new trail, site improvements that will increase accessibility for persons with special needs, and community awareness of I CAN TER.

Persons with or without disabilities will have a chance to obtain educational and recreational experience at I CAN TER.

The organization does this through the use of riding trails and instruction on its 78-acre site in Ridgeway, Ont.

Students attending school field trips will take part in nature activities and will receive hands-on experience at I CAN TER.

Third-year students from the college's Construction Engineering Technology—Architecture program are developing drawings and estimates for the project.

"The students provide technical expertise in the area of construction," said Paul Weerdenburg, co-ordinator of the Construction Engineering Technology-Architecture program. "They are going to be looking at the design aspect of it," said Weerdenburg.

"The students have to do a technical report; this project is the topic of the report," said Weerdernburg.

"On the day of the event, and leading up to the event, the students will work on scheduling of activities," said Weerdenburg.

He said the Special Events Management program students didn't have the "technical expertise."

"It is a co-operative effort," said Weedernburg.

Veres said, "If they need a resource to make it work, we get it for them. It's a nice working relationship."

Volunteers and sponsors are welcome.

CNIB seeking volunteers

Niagara's visually impaired are in need of helping hand

BY SHANNON PALOMAKI
Staff Writer

It is giving the gift of sight by providing a helping hand.

The Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CNIB) is a non-profit organization for the blind and visually impaired.

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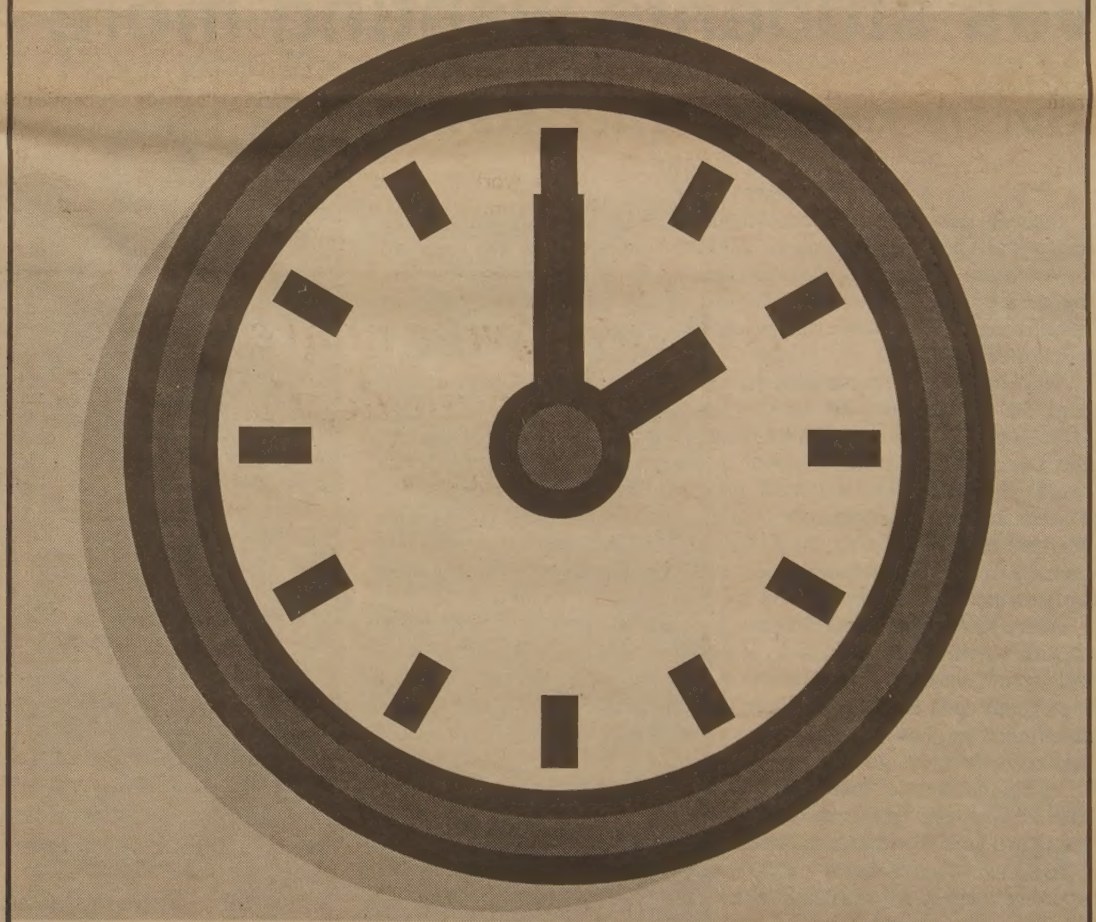

It's that time of year again. It's time to move our clocks back one hour. The official change occurs on Sunday, Oct. 31, at 2 a.m.

Graduation photos on campus in November and December

By LEIGH BEIHL
Staff Writer

Studio Jostens of St. Catharines will be on campus in November and December taking student graduation photos.

There is no charge for the sitting or the proof shots sent out in the mail. The photograph will be used in the class composite, with individual portrait packages available for sale.

Brian Upson, photographer with Studio Jostens, says that a wide variety of packages are available, ranging from $45 to $300.

Photographers will be at the Welland campus Nov. 8 to 19, the Glendale campus in Niagara-on-the-Lake Nov. 22 to 26, and the Maid of the Mist Centre in Niagara Falls Dec. 1 to 7.

Appointments can be made at your local SAC office.

Next issue of the *Niagara News* available on Nov. 12, 1999 at your local news stand.
Have a safe Halloween.

Book sale on Saturday

The Canadian Federation of University Women is hosting its 29th annual book sale in support of scholarships for local female students.

The sale of used books, videos and CDs will take place in the Niagara College cafeteria, in the Black Walnut building, at the Welland campus on Saturday, Oct. 30, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Letting it all hang out at After Hours

After Hours gets a little raw at comedy night on Oct. 20

By CASSANDRA SIMONS
Staff Writer

When all else fails, get naked.

Comedy night at Niagara College's After Hours in Welland on Oct. 20, began with Darren Little, aka "Frost."

Frost, 28, of Toronto, said he's been doing standup comedy for six years.

Most comedians had bad experiences during school and need a lot of attention, he said. That Frost must have had a bad experience became apparent during his act.

He writes his own material and said he usually does well at colleges, adding hedoesn't know what happened on Oct. 20.

In about 100 shows Frost has done, there have been, perhaps, two others similar to Niagara's.

> ***'I don't care if I ever do this college again.'***
> ***— Frost***

Frost's opening line was "I have a weird head and I know everyone likes to laugh at it, so go on, laugh not."

Almost immediately after Frost started his routine, he started getting heckled by a student in the crowd.

> ***'If you don't shut up I'm going to get naked and rub my ass all over Larry.'***
> ***— Frost***

Frost asked the student's name. The student claimed it was Larry.

After a few minutes, Frost almost lost all of his audience's attention and cracked: "If you don't shut up, I'm going to get naked and rub my ass all over Larry."

The crowd lost it, so Frost took off his clothes – all of his clothes. He got off stage and ran after Larry.

Now he had the audience's full and complete attention. He stood onstage for the next 15 minutes naked, finishing his routine, which consisted of impressions, sex-related jokes and jokes about first-job experiences. Then he got dressed and tried to maintain his hold on the audience's attention.

Frost said people think comedians choose their career because they can take anything, "but when you go too far, you'll get it."

He said that night was "one of his worst experiences" in the last year.

"Another was about a week ago. I was performing in London. I made a joke about trying to pick up a chick when a girl in the crowd told me to look in the mirror – the crowd cheered."

After the headliner act was finished, Frost made a second appearance to thank the crowd for coming out. Prior to this he said, "I don't care if I ever do this college again," and then he cursed the students who didn't enjoy his show.

"Lesser comics would've gotten off stage, but I just got naked."

When all else fails, get naked was the philosophy displayed by comedian Frost at the After Hours on Oct. 20.

Photo by Lisa Taft

Speechless act leaves students wanting more

Actor/Comedian Paul Wildbaum brought Niagara College students to their feet on Oct. 6, at After Hours on the Welland campus.

Photo by Mark Garrett

Sperm races at After Hours

By MARK GARRETT
Staff Writer

Students gave comedian Paul Wildbaum a well-deserved standing ovation at the After Hours pub on the Welland campus on Oct. 6.

Wildbaum, of Toronto, delivered a spectacular visual comedy show. His mime-like antics mesmerized the crowd and left them in awe. Wildbaum invited members from the crowd to create a symphony of bells and to run a sperm race.

Wildbaum says he has studied mime and theatre and done poetry readings. He has presented his work to international audiences since 1976, representing Canada at such prestigious events as the Macao Arts Festival, the International Comedy Festival in Melbourne, Australia, the Totus World Theatre Festival in Poland, the 1992 Expo in Seville, Spain, the London International Mime Festival and the Montreal Just For Laughs International Comedy Festival. At Expo 86, in Vancouver, he was in such demand that a six-week engagement was extended to four months. Later, in Brisbane, Australia, at Expo 88, his act was held over for a month.

Adam Richmond, 25, of Toronto, took a taste of Niagara College on Oct. 6, when he delivered his act at the After Hours pub. The three-year veteran of comedy got mixed reactions from the young crowd.

A young lady in the crowd kept heckling Richmond and continually interrupted the show. Richmond responded by making fun of her until she was speechless.

Richmond says he "loves" his job, and "Toronto was a good start" for him. His patriotic view that "Canadians are better than Americans" made the crowd hoist their beers and cheer the country.

Richmond's act included a wide range of topics from "midgets in the amazing video store" to asking, "Who's your granny?"

Adam Richmond struggled with a restless crowd at After Hours on Oct. 6, on the Welland campus.

Photo by Mark Garrett

ENTERTAINMENT

Students help raise money for United Way

Human Relations students gather around the donations table at the luau held at After Hours on Oct. 19. The proceeds from the luau went to The United Way.

Photo by Craig Stratychuk

By CRAIG STRATYCHUK
Staff Writer

The chances of your getting "lei-ed," at the After Hours pub at Niagara College's Welland Campus were supposed to be good on Oct.19.

The front doors of After Hours opened at 8 p.m. for a Luau fund-raiser.

A sense of disappointment filled the air at an empty After Hours.

Five Human Relations program students took upon the task of putting on a luau, in hopes of raising money for the United Way, but there wasn't enough student response to make the event worth while.

'It's a good cause.' — Jeff Shorthouse

Jeff Shorthouse, 20, of the Human Relations program, said he was "hoping for a bigger turn out." He said the group was hoping to raise lots of money for the United Way. Shorthouse said the United Way is a "good cause."

The five-person group worked on the fundraiser. Lisa Skuse, 21, said the planning of the luau was "a lot of work."

The group had advertisements throughout the college. Posters were posted on the exits and entrances. Voice-mail messages about the luau were left on the machines in residence. Even though student response was not "as great" as the group had hoped, their work was not wasted. The group earned marks for their troubles.

Prizes valued at $400 were given out. Fifty prizes were donated to the group from various companies in the area.

For $1 students could buy leis or tickets for the raffle.

Off the stage and to the screen

By MARTIN McQUAIG
Staff Writer

Shaun Majumder is taking a break from the trenches of the stand-up comedy circuit.

A native of Burlington/Baivert, Nfld., Majumder, 27, is going to Los Angeles to focus on his acting career.

Billed as his last stand-up performance in Canada, Majumder's performance thrilled the audience at After Hours at the Welland campus at Niagara College with a unique blend of observational and improvisational humour.

"I've been coming to Niagara (College) almost every year for four years," he said after the Oct. 13 performance.

Majumder, who said he's "trying to pursue the acting," just finished filming of another movie based on a Saturday Night Live (SNL) character. Tim Meadows will bring his Ladies' Man character to the big screen with co-stars Majumder, Billy Dee Williams, Tiffany Amber Thiessen and Will Farrell.

Majumder said he learned a lot about acting, by working with Farrell, who portrayed Mustafa in the Austin Powers movies and a Spartan cheerleader on SNL.

Living in Mississauga with his dad, Majumder said he is going to Los Angeles for pilot season this spring. For three months, he will audition for some of the 500 television pilot episodes that the networks produce every year. Only a small number of pilots ever become a series.

"They treat you like gold there (in Los Angeles), and they don't even know you," he said.

Newfoundland native Shaun Majumder brought his diverse comedic talents to After Hours in Welland on Oct. 13. It was his last show in Canada before he pursues acting in Los Angeles.

Photo by Mark Garrett

Shaun Majumder: On The Edge!

Majumder's sketch-comedy group, The Bobroom, will be featured in a one-hour special on the Comedy Network. He is also nominated for a Best Performance in a Comedy Program or Series Gemini Award for his Comedy Now! special, "Shaun Majumder: On The Edge!"

Toronto-based comedian Jean-Paul, 29, warmed-up the crowd for Majumder at After Hours. Jean-Paul said he got his start in comedy when an amp blew at a high school lip-sync contest. He said he was just being a "goof" but got some laughs, and now enjoys making people laugh at his performances.

Jean-Paul's comedy was ideal for the college audience, even though he had to deal with some inebriated hecklers.

"That (stuff) doesn't bother me," he said, adding that heckling, "comes with the territory."

Pool pro shows his stuff at After Hours on Oct. 14

Gary Watson, aka "The Ghost," of Toronto, visits Niagara College's After Hours Pub to entertain and perform different pool tricks.

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SPORTS

New faces added to the Hall of Fame

By MIKE DILTS
Staff Writer

Niagara College introduces six new faces to the Niagara College Hall of Fame.

Five former athletes and one builder were inducted into the Hall of Fame at After Hours at Niagara College in Welland on Oct. 23.

"Today is an evening of celebration and to honour those who really made Niagara College very special over the years," said Dan Patterson, college president.

The six inductees were Alphonse Aboud, Teresa (Porter) Frazer, Carolyn (St. Angelo) Ladas, Paul Weller, Randy Kerr and James Darling.

Aboud, 80, was born in Haileybury, Ont., and was director of student services when the college began in 1967. Aboud was involved in recommending the college build proper athletic facilities, developing its athletic programs and hiring the college's initial athletic staff.

Aboud said he was flattered and he "didn't know it (the Hall of Fame) existed."

"I think it's a very nice thing to have at the campus, especially for old retirees like myself."

"He was a great boss to 55 people, a great man to work for," said Peter Rylander, member of Niagara College's Hall of Fame committee and former co-ordinator of athletic and recreation. "He was extremely fair. This is maybe the best point I can say about Aboud: the students concerns were number 1 on his list."

Frazer, 45, from Oshweken, Ont., spent two years at Niagara and competed on the badminton team. She was voted freshman Athlete of the Year in 1974 and was the 1975 Ontario Colleges Athletics Association (OCAA) badminton champion. After finishing college, Frazer went to the University of Manitoba and competed at the Canadian University Field Hockey Championships (CIAU).

"It's been 25 years since I've been here," said Frazer. "Then all of a sudden I get a phone call saying I'm being inducted into the Hall of Fame. It was a shock and after the shock wore off, it was, like, wow! It's very cool."

"Teresa was a skill athlete and a very strong athlete and during her conquests, she was a fair athlete, but also she dominated," said Fred Bassi, athletic faculty and a member of Niagara College's Hall of Fame committee.

Ladas, 45, from Niagara Falls, Ont., was on the women's basketball team for three years. Ladas had an average of 16.7 points a game in 1981, finishing fourth in the OCAA. She was on the silver medal winning team in 1982. Ladas played intramural floor hockey and was female Athlete of the Year in 1981 and 1982.

Ladas said it's nice to be recognized for her accomplishments.

"It was a privilege to coach her for three years. She never quit. She always played and made every practice. She was the absolute athlete," said Russell Stevenson, former coach of the Niagara Knights women's basketball team.

Weller, 40, from Walkerton, Ont., was a leading scorer for the men's basketball team. Weller was freshman Athlete of the Year in 1982, the team's most valuable player (MVP), Athlete of the Year in 1983 and 1992 and led the league with an average of 23 points a game in scoring.

"It's a great honour and a lot of good people played here from all different sports. I'm proud and very happy," said Weller.

Kerr, 43, from Toronto, was at the college for three years. Kerr is the all-time leading scorer for the college's men's hockey team. Kerr won the Athlete of the Year award in 1979 and 1980 and received MVP honours.

"It's an honour and a pleasure," said Kerr. "It was a while ago and it brings back good memories. It's nice to gain the recognition after a long period of time."

"The thing I noticed about this young man was at practice he worked very hard, and when he played, he played very hard. He wasn't a dirty hockey player; he was a strong hockey player and a very unselfish player," said Bassi.

Darling, 33, from St. Catharines, led the men's hockey team to two International Collegiate Hockey League Championships, in 1989 and 1990. Darling won male Athlete of the Year in 1989 and 1990, was twice awarded first team and once second team all-star and won the league and team MVP designation in 1987, 1988, and 1989.

"It's a great honour and it's great to be acknowledged for my accomplishments over the years," said Darling, adding, "If it wasn't for Niagara College's hockey team, I wouldn't be here today, and I hope it (a hockey team) will be brought back into the program."

"It was a great honour to have coached him. We had a lot of good times together and he's a great person," said Bassi.

"If it wasn't for the alumni we are honouring today, we probably wouldn't have the kind of sports programming faculties that we have, so it's a great opportunity to celebrate it," said Patterson, adding, "I don't think we do enough to honour those people that have made a major contribution."

(At left) James Darling, 33, Randy Kerr, 43, Carolyn Ladas, 45, Teresa Frazer, 45, Paul Weller, 40, and Alphonse Aboud, 80, showing off their plaques that will be hung in the Niagara College's Hall of Fame in the Mackenzie building at the Welland campus.

Photo by Mike Dilts

Niagara comes back with bronze

By MIKE DILTS
Staff Writer

The Niagara College Knights touch football team came back with the bronze medal and experience.

"My first year we won bronze," said Andrew Rivers, 23, of Hamilton, an offensive and defensive player for Niagara. He is in the Recreation and Leisure program at Niagara College's Welland campus.

"The second year most of us came back and we learned to work together, and we demolished everybody. This year, it's another new team, but next year they will come together."

Niagara beat St. Lawrence Kingston College 13-2 at Mohawk College, in Hamilton, on Oct. 16 to win the bronze medal at the Ontario Colleges Athletic Association (OCAA) Championship.

"The team played well," said Randy Conlon, Niagara's team coach. "They played hard. We were hoping for the gold, but it just wasn't in the cards."

Rivers was one of the star players in the bronze medal game, getting the winning touchdown in the fourth quarter.

"They called the play. I went down the field and did it. I was, like, yeah!" said Rivers, adding he "thought it was exciting" to run, to catch the ball and to get a touchdown.

'We had a good team this year. Next year we will have an even better team, so maybe we will win gold next year.' — Randy Conlon

Ryan Nava, 22, of Welland, an offensive and defensive player also in the Recreation and Leisure program, was the other star player. He got a touchdown in the second quarter.

"It was exciting," said Nava. "I got an interception and I ran it back for the touchdown. I think at the beginning we were upset because it was the bronze and we wanted the gold (but) I think it was a good pick-me-up for the team."

The OCAA Championships competition consisted of six teams: Niagara College, St. Lawrence College of Cornwall, St. Lawrence College of Kingston, St. Lawrence College of Brockville, Lambton College of Sarnia and Mohawk College of Hamilton.

Niagara Knights won their first game 30-7 against Lambton, and then won their second game 8-0 against St. Lawrence of Kingston.

In the semi-finals, Niagara lost 13-2 to Lambton, taking them to the bronze medal game. Mohawk won gold in a 22-1 game, leaving Lambton with the silver medal.

Niagara won gold in 1994, 1995 and 1996 and won bronze in 1997, 1998 and 1999.

"We had a good team this year. Next year we will have an even better team, so maybe we will win gold next year," said Conlon.

No wins at tournament

By MIRANDA HUBBS
Staff Writer

The Niagara College women's basketball team travelled to Barrie for a two-day tournament at Georgian College on Oct.15.

In their first game, they faced Mohawk College of Hamilton. Niagara struggled to keep up with Mohawk and lost 85-30.

The next day, Niagara faced Redeemer College of Ancaster. They played much better and kept the score tight going into half-time with the game tied at 25.

In the second half, Redeemer came back strong taking the lead for the rest of the game. However, the Knights played hard and kept the Redeemer team from getting too far ahead. Redeemer won 55-46.

The weekend tournament was exhibition and didn't count towards the regular season.

Top scorers for the Knights were LeighAnn Breault with 23 points, Katy Still with 17 points, Tasha Warwick with 11 points and Candace Oxford with 10 points.

'It was their first time playing a game together this season. We know what we have to work on and will get better.' — Georgie Groat

Despite their losses, the Knights were "not too discouraged," says Georgie Groat, the Niagara head coach. "It was their first time playing a game together this season. We know what we have to work on and will get better." Groat was assisted by new assistant coach Dina Niejadlik.

The regular season begins tonight against Seneca College of North York at home. Game time is 7 p.m.

SPORTS

Van Horne guest speaker at Glendale campus

Van Horne speaks at Glendale about inappropriate behaviour in sports

By MIKE DILTS
Staff Writer

"Stupid! You just made us lose the game and maybe first place!"

This is what eight-, 10,- and 12-year-old children are hearing from their coaches today.

The surprising statement was yelled by Dave Martin, a coach of a minor hockey team filled with 10-year-olds in a movie called The Big, The Bad and The Ugly. This movie was shown at a workshop on inappropriate behaviour in sports on Oct. 14 at Niagara College's Glendale campus in Niagara-on-the-Lake.

Jim Van Horne, the host of the weekday edition of TSN Sportdesk was the feature speaker.

"If you are standing there, drilling into a 10-year-old kid's head that he has to skate hard, shoot hard and hit hard, you think the kid is going to listen to you? No way! He's going to look at you and think this guy's an idiot, and he's going to tune you right out," said Van Horne.

"If a coach teaches them to be a bully, they're going to be a bully, but if a coach teaches them to be a finesse player, they're going to be a finesse player."

Two weeks ago, the Canadian Hockey Association (CHA) started a program called Fair Play that teaches integrity, fairness and respect.

> ***'If a coach teaches them to be a bully, they're going to be a bully . . .'***
> ***— Jim Van Horne***

One of the panel members at the workshop was Dr. Vern Stenlund, an associate professor at the University of Windsor who holds a doctoral degree from the University of Michigan. He started a program called Fun, Safe Hockey, which also involves Bobby Orr, former National Hockey League (NHL) legend. It is sponsored by General Motors of Canada.

The program presenters go to different communities to teach coaches how to teach youngsters to have fun playing hockey. They teach coaches proper methods of skill instruction and useful mental techniques to use.

"How many times have we seen coaches who do not have the proper qualifications put in charge of 10-year-old kids?" asked Van Horne. "Parents need to know their kids are having fun and are safe. They shouldn't have to worry about their kids being molested or kidnapped. That shouldn't be in a parent's or the child's mind."

Van Horne said he thinks it's not just the coaches who need educating but also the parents' inappropriate behavior that is ruining sports for young children.

"Parents have become so violent to coaches and referees that they (referees) are afraid to throw them (parents) out."

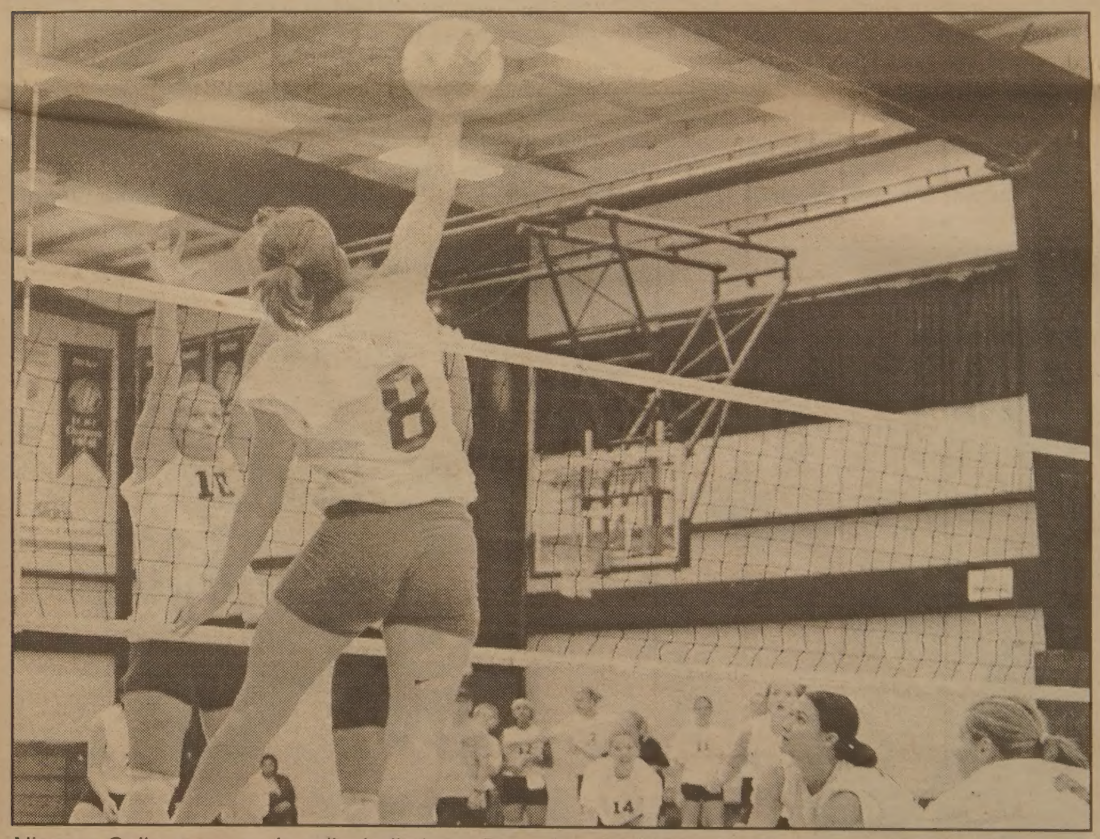
"The referees are supposed to be doing their jobs to make the game fun, but because little Johnny got a penalty for tripping, the father or mother goes crazy on the referees. Who needs that?" said Van Horne. "We can have police at every game. If we have police at every game, it's a sad commentary on our society today."

> ***'Parents have become so violent to coaches and referees they (referees) are afraid to throw them (parents) out.'***
> ***— Jim Van Horne***

Last summer there was a summit series in Toronto headed by Wayne Gretzky, former NHL star, with the NHL and the Players' Association. Participants were taught the proper way to behave when it comes to kids and sports.

"You have to use your judgment when it comes to caring for your kids and encouraging them," said Van Horne.

JIM VAN HORNE



Niagara College women's volleyball player Diane VanDenHoven (#10) sets up to block a spike from a member of the NCC team.

Photo by Mike Wencel

VanDenHoven leads team to victory

By MIKE WENCEL
Staff Writer

The Niagara College women's volleyball team started off slowly, but ended strongly to get a win against Niagara Community College from Sanborn, N.Y., on Oct. 23.

Niagara won the match three games to one, losing the first game 25-23. They won the second game 28-26 with Diane VanDenHoven leading the Knights.

Niagara won game three 25-18 and game four 25-23.

"We are slowly progressing and each player is advancing in their own game," said Carolyn Schatz, the team's head coach. "We are also adjusting to a new defensive system that we just learned last week."

"Our serving wasn't that well but we're coming together as a team," said Schatz.

Top players for the Knights were VanDenHoven with nine kills, one block and one ace, followed by Ginni Llord with eight kills and one ace, and Kelly Davies with seven kills and three aces.

The women's next home game is on Friday, Nov. 12, against Cambrian College from Sudbury at 6:30 p.m.

Workshop addresses lack of sportsmanship

By MIKE WENCEL
Staff Writer

Inappropriate behaviour in sports took centre stage at a community sports workshop with TSN Sportsdesk anchor Jim Van Horne as the guest speaker at Niagara College's Glendale campus on Oct.14.

Many views were presented throughout the night by a panel from the Niagara region. The panel members included Chris Critelli, a coach at Brock University in St. Catharines; Dr.Vern Stenlund, associate professor at the University of Windsor; Bill Millar, a soccer official in St. Catharines; Craig Burtch, a hockey player; and Debbie Luciani, a parent from St. Catharines.

A key aspect in the presentation was a video shown by Van Horne. In it a coach yells, "You lost the game," to a 10-year-old child who had given up a winning goal in a tournament.

Stenland said, "That is happening all over the country and is a major concern. We need to teach kids fair play and sportsmanship when they're that young."

Millar said, "Coaches should have meetings with parents to discuss the philosophy of the game, and everything that is said should be positive. By having a meeting, teams should have a clean and productive season of sport."

"Education of parents and coaches is the key," said Critelli.

Pamphlets at the workshop contained tips on teaching children in sports.

Prevention of injuries is a main factor when it comes to a child playing sports in the community. Parents should make sure the child is emotionally and physically ready to play the sport. Also parents shouldn't force their child to participate when the child is not interested in being there.

"[Parents should] try to get their children involved in team sports so they learn the aspects of teamwork and communication among others," said Stenland.

"When I see children at the practice being dropped off by their parents, and the parents leave, that shows me the parents don't care what their child is doing," said Critelli, adding, "You feel like you're babysitting the children."

Luciani said, "University and college athletes should go throughout the community and teach younger athletes because they have the same perspective as the younger athletes." This will give children someone to look up to in the future instead of a professional athlete on television, she added.

"Coaches and parents play a vital role in a player's role. They are role models to us in what they say and do," said Burtch. "Community sports are to have fun and enjoy whatever sport you are playing."

"Competition does funny things to people. If you developed self-esteem in a player, you have done your job as a coach ," said Stenland.

SPORTS

Piccolo leads Knights

By JASON VIZBULIS
Staff Writer

The Niagara College men's volleyball team won a close match against D'Youville College of Buffalo, N.Y, on Oct.15.

Niagara played without captain Kirby Bentley, last year's male athlete of year, who was attending graduation.

Niagara needed five games to come away with the win.

Niagara started off strong, winning the first game 25-16. They lost the second game 25-16 only to win the third contest 25-14.

The third game saw Niagara's Matt Piccolo score three aces in a row. The fourth game was another letdown as Niagara lost 25-14. The fifth, and final, game saw Niagara beat a tired D'Youville team 15-9.

Piccolo led Niagara with 10 kills, five blocks and three aces, while Graeme Gaunt had 12 kills and Jeff Zwezdaryk had 10 kills and two blocks.

Niagara's coach Blair Cudmore said he wasn't pleased with the team's effort. "We gotta do better than that."

The game was only an exhibition game, and Cudmore said that was the reason the team "didn't get up for it."

Bentley's presence would have helped because "early in the season we need the intensity."

The men's volleyball team opened its regular season at Niagara College on Tuesday, Oct. 26, against Georgian College from Toronto.

Cameron Jacobs (#1) sets up Matt Piccolo (#10) for one of his team leading 10 kills as Niagara College downed D'Youville College of Buffalo, N.Y., three games to two.

Photo by Jason Vizbulis

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Niagara dominates Georgian

By MIKE WENCEL
Staff Writer

The Niagara Knights men's basketball team slam-dunked their way to victory in an exhibition game against the Georgian College Grizzlies from Barrie, defeating them 92-58. Niagara's exhibition record is two wins, one defeat.

"Overall, we played really well, but at times we played horrible defence," said Ric Ethier, assistant coach.

"We are just looking to make the playoffs for now, and when we get there we will work our way from there," said Ethier.

Niagara pulled away from the start of the game and never looked back. Niagara led 48-27 at half time with the pinpoint shooting of Haldon Hutchinson and Paul Stewart draining three-point long bombs.

"Our conditioning factor was an advantage, as we ran them down the court the entire game," said Either.

Top scorers for Niagara were Ernell Ellis with 25 points, Aaron Paisley with 17 points and Hutchinson with 12 points.

In two previous games, Niagara beat Seneca College of North York 82-63 and lost to Humber College of Etobicoke 69-59.

The men's basketball team's next exhibition home game is against Erie County Community College from Buffalo, N.Y., on Saturday, Nov. 27, at 4 p.m.

Niagara College's Curtis Francis (#25) goes up for a high-flying dunk for two of his nine points.

Photo by Mike Wencel

EYE ON NIAGARA

Ceasar, one of the tigers at the Killman Zoo in Caledonia, takes a stroll to check out his visitors.
Photo by Shannon Deary

Killman Zoo could face extinction in near future

By SHANNON DEARY
Staff Writer

The Killman Zoo, located in the original Six Nations Reserve, Caledonia, Ont., is on its way to extinction.

Mark Killman, 35, keeper of the zoo, said he is "having a hard time."

The zoo has been running on his parent's property at 237 Unity Rd. E., since 1988, and has been open to the public since 1979.

Killman said, "My parents want to retire, and the zoo is kind of an inconvenience for them now."

Killman proposed to move the zoo down the street onto his own property at 551 McClung Rd.

Kilman said, the biggest problem is "the zoo is closed for half a year (winter season) so you have to try and make your money during the good season, to make it through to the next season."

Killman said he has a petition for the zoo's visitors to sign if they want to lend support on behalf of the zoo. The zoo only runs on weekends from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. until it's closed for the season at the end of October. The cost for adults is $8.50, seniors and youths $7, and children $4.27 plus tax.

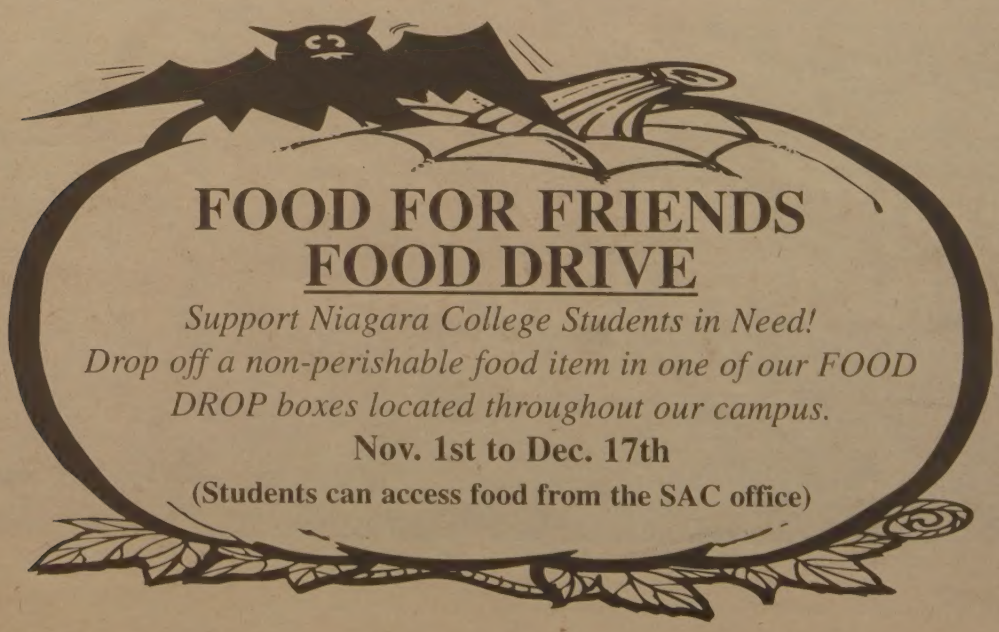
'I've gotten really attached to the animals.'
— Mark Killman

Killman said he hopes to receive enough signatures to allow the zoo to reopen next season.

"It was my idea to move it over to my house, but it will be a smaller version. To keep it going, however, it's going to cost a lot," said Killman. "I've gotten really attached to the animals. I used to bottle-feed the cats (lions, tigers, etc.) when they were babies."

Killman said "if or when" the zoo closes, they would have to find proper homes for the animals where they would be "just as happy."

If anyone is interested in giving support to the Killman Zoo, call (905) 765-5966.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Santa Claus coming to town

By MIKE WENCEL
Staff Writer

What better theme as the millennium looms than celebrating our future, the theme chosen for this year's Welland Santa Claus parade presented by the Welland Recreation Projects Association.

The parade will be held Dec. 4, and the committee is working very hard to make this the biggest parade ever.

A committee is working "very hard" to make this the biggest parade ever, says Pat Evans, parade chair.

"We expect 25 to 30 entries this year for the parade, including bands, floats and, of course, Santa Claus."

The parade will march off at 1 p.m. from the old Zeller's parking lot, corner of Wellington and East Main Street, and head west on East Main to Cross Street. It will continue north on Cross Street to Merritt Island. The parade will break off just before the island.

"We hope to get a large amount of people along the parade route this year, as we have in the past years," said Evans.

The main attractions are the clowns, fire trucks, bands and Santa Claus, said Evans. "We put the parade on for the kids especially."

'We put the parade on for the kids especially.'
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"Everyone is invited to the Bellepheron Centre on the island for refreshments and entertainment. "We truly are working toward an afternoon of family fun and plan on staying around for the fun," said Evans.

Those interested in participating are asked to complete a parade entry form. There is no entry fee.

"We encourage everyone in our community to join us for the celebration of community spirit."

For more information on the parade and the activities afterwards, contact Evans at 732-1311 or Jim Montgomery for sponsorships call 732-7444.

Leadership conference coming to Glendale campus

By TARA PURPURA
Staff Writer

Come see and learn from some of the world's most successful thinkers and executives at Niagara College's Glendale campus in Niagara-on-the-Lake during the fourth annual Worldwide Lessons in Leadership Conference.

The event will include noted individuals via satellite such as Ted Turner, vice-president of Time Warner Systems and CNN founder; Richard Branson, chair and CEO of Virgin Group Ltd.; and Steve Case, chair, CEO and founder of America Online.

"I think that it represents a unique opportunity for the college to be a host site for some of the leading business minds of the world," said Linda Saari, manager, Customized Training and Consulting, adding, "Local corporations and businesses in the community can have these experts available in a close and concise environment."

Authors and executives will be featured throughout the conference, including Stephen Covey, author of *Seven Habits of Effective People*; Ken Blanchard, author of *One Minute Manager* and *Gung Ho*; and Dr. Robert Cooper, the world's leading authority on the practical application of emotional intelligence at work.

The conference will be seen live via satellite in more than 40 countries on Wednesday, Nov. 17, from 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Lunch and refreshments are included in the registration fee of $199 and the live broadcast will be viewed in the Yerich Auditorium at the Glendale campus.

To register, call (905) 641-2252, ext. 4031 or e-mail: shornich@niagarac.on.ca. Deadline for registration is Wednesday, Nov. 10.

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